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WASHINGTON, March 5.—The following is the section of the River and Harbor bill relating to the Louisville & Portland Canal, as it finally passed Congress, and received the approval of the President:

For completing the Louisville & Portland Canal, $100,000, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to assume, on behalf of the United States, the control and management of the said canal in conformity with the terms of the joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, approved March 28, 1872, at such time and in such manner as in his judgment the interests of the United States and the commerce thereof may require, and the sum of money necessary to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry this provision into effect is hereby appropriated; provided, that after the United States shall assume the control of said canal, the tolls thereon on vessels propelled by steam shall be reduced to 25 cents per ton, and on all other vessels in proportion.

The section in the same bill relating to the Ohio River is as follows:

For the improvement of the Ohio River, $200,000, and that Godfrey Weitzel, of the Corps of Engineers of the U. S. A., in charge of the Louisville & Portland Canal, is hereby empowered and directed, subject to the approval of the Chief of Engineers of said corps, to adjust and pay out of the money appropriated for the improvement of said canal to J. C. Dennis any legal or equitable claims he may have against the United States, arising out of work done by him under Hugh McGilney's & Co.'s contract to perform work on said canal in the years 1871 and 1872, and the said Godfrey Weitzel is further authorized and directed to pay to said J. C. Dennis, in addition to the amount provided for such claims, as said Weitzel shall find that said Dennis is legally and equitably entitled to as Assignee of Hugh McGilney & Co., for work done by said Dennis on said improvement; *provided*, that such sum shall not exceed the amount due and owing by the Government of the United States for such work done under said contract of Hugh McGilney & Co., and that the sum thus receipted by said Weitzel shall be in full of the claim of said McGilney & Co., under their contract, and in full of the claim of said Dennis, as the Assignee of said firm.

OTHER HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

The only other important amendments, which were not reported in the original bill, and which were inserted in the Conference Committee, are as follows: $20,000 for the improvement of Pentwater Harbor, Michigan; $25,000 for the construction of the lock and dam on the Mississippi River at Meeker's Island, Minnesota, according to the surveys and plans of the War Department, *provided* that all rights and claims in and to the land grant made by the State of Minnesota for the above work by the act approved July 23, 1866, shall be fully relinquished to the United States before any of this appropriation is expended.

"THE DAY AFTER THE FAIR."

The inauguration festivities have been extended over to-day, to accommodate the large number of visitors who were unable to reach here yesterday through the delay of the trains. The weather is fine, and the short and mild winters, plenty of rain fall, and just at the right season. Free transportation to those who purchase land. For Circulars and information apply to

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MEDICAL MATTERS.

Hospital Accommodations Furnished by Cook County.

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Opening of the Spring Course of Lectures at Rush College.

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THE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The attention of the people of Cook County has recently been called to the disgraceful hospital accommodations furnished by the county to such of the sick and disabled as are compelled to avail themselves of gratuitous medical and surgical treatment; but the half has not been told; the real condition of affairs at the County Hospital has scarcely been hinted at. The gloomy, seedy-looking brick structure which stands on Arnold, near Eighteenth street, was built eighteen years ago, and was then considered a very creditable institution. Presumably it was, at that remote period, when Chicago numbered less than 70,000 souls, and when comparatively little was known of the all-important considerations of light, ventilation, and hygienic arrangements. Leaving the ravages of time out of the question, and supposing that the hospital building stood to-day new and clean as it was eighteen years ago, it would still, in the light of science of 1873, be condemned as utterly unfit for hospital purposes. But the ravages of time refuse to be left out of the question. There they are, and very striking features of the general effect they are.

The building stands about six feet below the street grade, so that the yard affords drainage for the surface water of the vicinity. It might be used as a skating park in the winter, and as a goose pond in the spring. On entering the basement the visitor is at once made aware of the existence of a peculiar smell. It would puzzle ordinary olfactories to make out precisely what it is, further than that it is a very peculiar, a most unmistakable, and a horribly disagreeable smell. This, it should be borne in mind, is in the basement, away below the hospital wards, but as one mounts the stairs and proceeds along the various corridors he detects the same odor, though more diffusive, and less pronounced in its character. It has ascended, and had a chance to distribute itself impartially through the building. It is one of the glaring defects in arrangement that the sick are furnished but 900 cubic feet of air per capita, whereas 1,800 feet is the lowest amount consistent with the requisites of successful treatment of the sick. It is a serious matter to the poor wretches who occupy the various wards, this deprivation of 400 feet of vitally essential air. Under ordinary circumstances such a condition of things would be regarded with apprehension and dread, as seriously affecting not only the progress of recovery, but also the rate of mortality. But this is nothing compared with the terrible disadvantages to be contended with at the Cook County Hospital. A large proportion of the 900 feet of air available there is impregnated with the unwholesome stench referred to, and it is the opinion of competent medical men that patients would convalesce in half the time, and that the death rate would be greatly reduced, with a suitable and adequate system of ventilation and air supply. Such a system is an utter impossibility in the present building, owing to faults in original construction. Every known expedient is resorted to for the purpose of deodorizing the building, but to no purpose. The institution is old and rotten, and nothing short of a thorough conflagration can ever disinfect it.

The sickening odor of the basement proceeds from the soil-pipes leading from the water-closets, and emptying into the sewer. These pipes have been in use for eighteen years, and the metal has gradually corroded and wasted away until the pipes leak badly, and a portion of the offensive contents drizzle slowly down the outside. Any amount of soldering and mending does not suffice to prevent it. Within the wooden enclosures which conceal from sight these leaky conduits are also contained the dumb waiters on which the cooked food is elevated from the kitchen to the various wards. If the victuals are not brought into actual contact with the filthy liquid which trickles down, they at least get the benefit of the smell while in transitu. It is upon bread and meat subjected to such companionship that the delicate stomach of two hundred patients are expected to thrive. This cannot be helped. At least, an alteration of the arrangement for elevating food would be attended with great expense, if, indeed, it be practicable at all. What with tainted air, and food subjected to an atmospheric bath of stench, the inmates of the County Hospital have a hard battle to fight.

Evidences of extreme decay are plentiful throughout the old structure. In nearly every apartment the plastering has fallen in huge blotches, revealing the broken lath beneath. The roof leaks, and so do the water-tanks in the attic, and although a coat of whitewash is applied twice a year, the ceilings are yellow and mildewed. In case of a heavy rain the water finds its way through the plastering, dripping down upon the patients in their beds. The floors are a complete network of rathole. So numerous and effectual are the rats in their assaults upon the rotten pine flooring, that it is found necessary to tack zinc around the holes to prevent their enlargement to a degree dangerous even to persons with large feet. It occupies the time of one person to go the rounds each morning and zinc over the ratholes. The four-legged carpenters ply their trade altogether at night, making serious inroads not alone upon the woodwork, but upon the sleep and quietude of the patients. Millions of cockroaches infest the building. They prefer the kitchen for their grand stamping-ground, and are partial to soup, coffee, and molasses, in which they are found at all times, quiescent and inactive, but corporeally unimpaired. For a change, they visit the sick, who are possibly encouraged by these manifold specimens of robust health and bodily activity. The writer, while passing through one of the wards, had his attention called to the case of a poor fellow who had been run over by the cars some days ago. The man lay at the point of death, the surgeon having given up all hope of his recovery,—and, as the bed-clothes were turned aside, revealing his horribly-mangled leg, swollen to thrice its natural size, a swarm of cockroaches hustled out from among the lint and bandages, and scampered away. The variety of vermin is completed by countless numbers of bed-bugs, which are unremitting in their efforts to do their share toward making things lively.

These are some of the more marked peculiarities of life (and death) at the County Hospital, than which a more shockingly bad institution never disgraced a civilized community. The officers and employes of the hospital, skilful and faithful as they are, seem to be doing their utmost to keep the place as clean and decent as possible, but they are confronted by an army of disadvantages positively disheartening, and under which it is a moral impossibility to afford to the inmates the treatment essential to a successful battle with disease and accident. The house-physician, Dr. Chenoweth, puts it very mildly in his annual report, when he says:

> The overcrowded condition of the Asylum during the past year had added much to the labor and responsibilities of the officers and attendants, and to the discomfort of the patients. The percentage of recoveries is not as large as we would like, but this is to a great extent due to the overcrowded condition of the institution, and the rules in force, which do not permit the physician to refuse admission to any patient, notwithstanding the institution may be crowded to almost its utmost capacity. The Asylum was erected for one containing two, and sometimes three, patients.

Cook County needs a new hospital. The style of building and its location are matters to be determined by the County Board, but the interest of decency, charity, humanity, and civilization imperatively demand a new hospital.

"SUBJECTS."

The following draft of a law intended to provide a way by which medical colleges can obtain subjects without the violation of law, is before the Legislature of Illinois for its distinguished consideration. Several eminent medical gentlemen of Chicago are urging its passage, some of whom are now in Springfield. It is entitled a "Bill to promote the science of medicine and surgery in the State of Illinois:"

SEC. 1. It shall be lawful in cities and counties whose population exceeds 20,000 inhabitants, for Superintendents of Penitentiaries, Wardens of poor-houses, Coroners, and city undertakers, to deliver to the professors and teachers in medical colleges and schools in this state, and for professors and teachers to receive, the remains or body of any deceased person, for purposes of medical and surgical study; *provided*, that said remains shall not have been regularly interred, and shall not have been desired for interment by any relative or friend of said deceased, within twenty-four hours after death: *Provided, also*, that the remains of no person who may be known to have relatives or friends shall be so delivered or received, without the consent of said relatives or friends: *And provided*, that the remains of no one detained for debt, or as a witness, or on suspicion of crime, or of any traveler, or of any person who shall have expressed a desire in his or her last sickness that his or her body may be interred, shall be delivered or received as aforesaid, but shall be buried in the usual manner: *And provided, also*, that, in case the remains of any person so delivered or received shall be subsequently claimed by any surviving relative or friend, they shall be given up to said relative or friend for interment.

SEC. 2. And it shall be the duty of said professors and teachers decently to bury in some public cemetery, the remains of all bodies after they shall have answered the purposes of study aforesaid; and for any neglect or violation of the provisions of this act, the party so neglecting shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars, to be sued for by the health officers of said cities or other places, for the benefit of their department.

SEC. 3. The remains or bodies of said persons as may be so received by the professors and teachers, as aforesaid, shall be used for the purposes of medical and surgical study alone, and in this State only; and whoever shall use such remains for any other purpose, or shall remove such remains beyond the limits of this State, or in any manner traffic in the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year in a county jail.

SEC. 4. Every person who shall deliver up the remains of any deceased person in violation of, or contrary to, any or all of the provisions contained in the first section of this act, and every person who shall receive said remains, knowing the same to have been delivered contrary to any of the provisions of said section, shall each and every one of them be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding two years in a county jail.

RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Rush Medical College is getting on prosperously in spite of many adverse circumstances. Since the fire it has been occupying a small building at the corner of Eighteenth street and Wentworth avenue, with a limited lecture room and very spare accommodations of other kinds. The number of students has, nevertheless, continued large, and the faculty has kept up to its old standard of excellence. The plans for the new building were completed a year ago, and the college would have been ere now rebuilt, but that the Trustees of the institution are waiting for the County Commissioners to select a place for the new County Hospital, adjacent to which they intend that the new "Rush" shall be located. If the Commissioners would stir in the matter they would confer a favor upon the college, and do prospectively a good thing for the sick of the county.

The college, yesterday morning, inaugurated its spring course of lectures successfully with an opening address by Dr. Norman Bridge, instructor in the Theory and Practice of Medicine. There was a large attendance of friends of the institution and of students.

Dr. Bridge began by referring to the enlarged sphere of the spring course in Rush College. This course was hereafter to be a permanent institution, and its faculty was distinct from that which gave the winter course of lectures. The course was to be in every way as complete and extensive as the regular winter course.

He then addressed himself to those about to begin the study of medicine. They were undertaking a very serious business. Few, he said, ever begin the study without much questioning as to whether it is the best thing to do. In half the cases the question is determined by some accident essentially trivial. It is important to determine this point at the start. The profession of medicine has many disadvantages and some benefits for its members. The practitioner's work is always hard, and those who expect to be live physicians and not drones are kindled. He must be at his post at all times and in all weather; he must compete with all sorts of quacks and charlatans, who easily convince the masses that they are the real physicians, and that he is an old fogy, if not an old fool; he meets all shades of superstitution among the people; he has repeated contentions with old nurses who have absurd notions of charity for the patient. The physician is the most misjudged man on earth; he is condemned when blameless and flooded with undeserved praises; and if he settles in the country he can never escape the charge of being a doctor who quarrels with every other doctor, and is jealous even beyond his quarreling. He must take his fees when he can get them, and often not get them; he must work years to earn a competence that will in his old age keep the wolf from his door. Verily, there are enough discouragements in this side of the picture to deter anyone from studying medicine. But there are some comforts in the profession. If he can appreciate them, such as they are, the pleasures that come to the physician from conscientious practice of his calling more than counterbalance all thrills that come to him, and they are more to be esteemed than the glory of popular applause or political preference. But no one has a right to come to the profession with the sole basis of his own pleasure. If he cannot benefit and elevate the profession he ought to keep out of it. Business may with impunity be trifled with, but the health and lives of the people never. The most essential qualification for a man to be a physician is that he be a student. Study medicine for a lifetime, and we can scarcely master half its known truths. Our greatest curse has been men with no inclination to study. We cannot master the science during college life; we must study constantly afterward. No one ought to take up the study who has not a love for science. The student must study constantly after graduating. If there were those among the class who could take pleasure in such a life, he welcomed them to the work they were entering upon. But if there were those who were to be routine doctors, getting their degree and passing their lives with as little reading and research as possible, he advised them to stop before going any further, to go back home, resume their former vocations, and not encumber the grave a minute so long as to continue in their present course. After an appeal in more real character on the part of medical men, and some advice as to the way to profit by lectures, he said medical students must work. The Almighty never intended anybody to be lazy; nature has placed her ban upon idleness. Those who are healthy in mind and body like work, and hopeand pray for it as a boon forever. The old lady who hoped to sit in heaven with a clean white apron and sing psalms forever had been overworked, and was probably sick. God pity them who get no joy in contemplation of future endeavor. But the best work, the most satisfying, and that which brings surest success, is moderate, steady, constant work—work that is done under control, to accomplish a purpose and for the love of it. We must, after determining the where and when to work, "erect our derrick and bore for success;" and the oil shall come at first in drops, and when we are only looking for little rills, it shall come in great floods that shall find not sufficient vessels to hold it.

Dr. Charles Parks delivered the first lecture of the course yesterday afternoon on the subject of Anatomy. The faculty of the spring course consists of Drs. Danforth, Parks, Wadsworth, Owens, Ingall, Case, Hay, Bridge, Jackson, Adolphus, Hyde, Adams, and Hayes. The proximity of the County Hospital affords an excellent opportunity for clinical lectures, two of which will be given weekly.

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

A gathering of the following Alderman, to-wit: Ald. Dixon, Schaffner, Quirk, and Woodman, was held in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon. They sat them down, a smiling quintette, to talk over the location of the new small-pox hospital. It was understood that the Mayor would veto its location near the Bridewell. Ald. Schaffner insisted on its removal from the North Side. Ald. Dixon would not have it on the South Side, and thought that the desire of West Side Aldermen to have a public building in their division should be gratified. Ald. Quirk would not hear of it. Ald. Schaffner, alluding frequently to his violation of a pledge not to speak in Council, said that, if it was not removed by law from the North Side, it should, as soon as the patients were out of it, be carried away by a mob. The other Aldermen again said their say in turn, and then the Mayor explained. The same round was again made, when "Joe," of the *Staats Zeitung*, laid down the law, after which the gathering dispersed. There were two things to be learned from the meeting. One is, that "Joe" is standard authority in municipal matters now, and the other, that Ald. Schaffner's promise not to speak in the Council does not hold good in informal meetings. The letter way would be for "Joe" to perpetually interview the gallant Colonel in some obscure quarter, unless the latter prefers taking rooms in the new *Staats Zeitung* Building and remaining there all his time, talking to "Joe." The city affairs could then be run by these two distinguished gentlemen, without any further trouble or expense, and the duties of the city officers materially lightened.

PHARMACEUTICAL.

The annual meeting of the Chicago College of Pharmacy was held in Room 32, Rice's Building, yesterday afternoon. President Buck occupied the chair. In his report he returned thanks to English druggists, and those in this country, who contributed chemicals, books, and apparatus to the College since the fire. The donations are valued at about $5,000. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Thomas Whitfield.
First Vice-President—Henry Sweet.
Second Vice-President—A. O. Vanderberg.
Secretary—S. B. Patterson.
Treasurer—D. W. Jamison.
Corresponding Secretary—Albert E. Ebert.
Board of Trustees—George Buck, E. H. Sargent, Henry Biroth, W. F. Blocki, J. H. Hooper, J. C. Boreher, M. E. Huyck, James W. Mills, Prof. Bartlett, J. H. Wilson.

GRAIN-INSPECTION.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The deep interest you evince in the grain trade of our city is my excuse for again trespassing on your space. In THE TRIBUNE of the 4th inst., you express the opinion that the present system of grading grain by the State, under the Warehouse law, is defective, and that the law should be repealed or amended. You also instance a few of the irregularities in grading grain, said to result from the inflexible rules of the State, and assert that "The most effectual remedy for the evil is to sell grain on its merits;" but you add, "This cannot be done so long as the grading provisions of the Warehouse law remain in force."

I am happy to inform you that large quantities of grain are sold on its merits in this market, under the Warehouse law; and that the law offers every facility for such sales. Until the Warehouse law went into force, no such sales could be made. Previous to the passage of the law, when a farmer put his grain into a railroad car in the country, he lost all control of it until it was delivered to his order through an elevator in this city. If he desired to hold his grain on track and sell it by sample, he could not do so without first paying the warehouseman to whose house the grain was consigned, 2 cents per bushel, the same as if the grain went into store; and, at times, he could not hold his grain on track, though willing to comply with this arbitrary rule. The Warehouse law made it obligatory on the railroad companies to hold the grain on track 24 hours—if desired—without extra charge to the owner, when, if the inspection did not suit him, he might sell his grain by sample, or have it put into a special bin in the warehouse. The Warehouse law, instead of preventing the sale of grain on its merits, made wise provision for such sales, and encourages them; and the members of the Board of Trade were not slow in availing themselves of its advantages. Receivers of grain over the Illinois Central, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Rock Island, and Northwestern Railroads appointed grain-experts for each road, whose duty it is to follow the State Inspector when grading grain, and, if they expect a car-load of grain that is, in his opinion, of better quality than the grade given it by the Inspector, he holds it on track, or has it put in a special car, to be sold by sample. If the gentleman who put his grain in bags, as stated in THE TRIBUNE, understood his business, or the facilities afforded him by the law, he could have held his grain on track, and sold it on its merits.

It is also stated that "The Board of Trade maintained a special committee, that fixed standards for special lots of grain that did not conform to any of the established grades. Very true. And the wheat trade of the city is now suffering from the effects of the "special lot" grading, and not from the inflexible standards of the State inspection. The Board of Trade Committee carried the "special lot" grading so far as to mark with a cross the corner of the ticket on which the grade was written,—the mark indicating to the warehousemen to ship that particular grain at the earliest opportunity,—it being soft and liable to heat if permitted to remain in the warehouse. In this manner grain was graded and passed through the city as No. 1 and No. 2, wheat that should be rejected. This grain invariably got out or condition on the way to the East; and the Eastern buyer, having no safeguard against such systematic fraud, was driven to other markets for his wheat. The Board of Trade Committee, and its cross, that turned the Eastern wheat-buyer from our grain market, and, if he is slow in returning, it is because he is not aware that the Committee's flexible rubber bucket is superseded by the inflexible standards of the State.

Generally, THE TRIBUNE is slow in passing judgment before the testimony is taken on both sides. In summing up the case—State inspection vs. Board of Trade inspection,—the evidence should be thoroughly sifted. It is only a few days since a member of the Board boasted his ability to give barley a better color than that given it by the Almighty in the harvest-field. How much easier it is to color truth, when a point is to be made. GRADGRIND.

A RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION, IOWA, March 4, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

To the long chapter of late railroad accidents, I will add another. Last night, about 10 o'clock, the sleeping-car of the fast express on the Chicago, Rock Island & Southwestern Railroad, going west, when about a mile east of Fredonia, was thrown from the track by a broken rail, near end first, down a high grade, and landed, side up, square across a deep ditch. In the car were two colored ladies,—Mrs. B. A. Dawson and Miss Anderson, respectively of Chicago and Davenport; also, another young lady, name unknown; Mr. Anthony, of Leavenworth; Capt. Cook, U. S. A., of Fort Sully; and another officer, whose name I did not learn.

Never were a few sleeping-car passengers so roughly handled, I think, in so short a time, without the loss of more blood or broken bones. Mr. Anthony found himself, after the car struck, in the ditch, directly under the coach. In what shape he was sent through the window opposite his bed, he could not explain; at all events, he was thrown through, and struck the ground about as soon as the sleeper did, receiving scarcely a scratch. In the window through which he was sent there was a piece of glass left about three inches square. Under him was a red blanket, on which he stood when the writer reached the spot,—for I happened to be in a lucky coach,—trying to fit his legs to a pair of pants supposed to be his property. The ladies and officers, after a little work, were rescued from the wreck, more or less bruised, but fortunately not dangerously hurt.

The conductor worked hard, as did the other officers and passengers of the train, to make the wounded comfortable, and in an hour we were on our way West. PASSENGER.

BROKEN RAILS ON RAILWAYS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Again, during the past winter, has the public press been compelled to record hundreds of shocking accidents from this cause, involving the loss of many human lives, the crippling of many others, and the destruction of millions of dollars of property belonging to railroad companies.

It is more than believed that all this might be averted by the proper exercise of human ingenuity, and it is known that several inventors stand ready to do their share towards this most desirable result, if railway managers will but encourage, instead of repel, this most useful class of citizens.

The object aimed at is a big one, entirely beyond the reach of any private individual. But, if only one railroad shows a desire to effect this great reform, it is almost beyond a doubt that it can be effected.

The present form of railway-rail is an adaptation of English patterns, good enough, perhaps, for that country, where the section in general use is much heavier than ours, but entirely unsuited to the necessities and vicissitudes of our severe climate. INVENTOR.

The Mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., recently disguised as a "rough," and staggered through the streets to test the vigilance of his police. He was arrested, and examination showed burglar's tools, a policeman's whistle, and other uncanny things concealed on his person. He was about to be locked up to await trial, when his disguise was disarranged, and he was recognized and set free by his thunderstruck subordinates.

NEW YORK.

Another Corrupt Ring---An Autocrat Wanted.

Profits of Publishers---A Literary Wonder.

Hamlet from a Rural Point of View---An Eccentric Millionaire.

Litterateurs in League for Their Rights---Poverty of the Astor Library.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, March 2, 1873.

There are men here rash enough to predict that William M. Tweed will, before a great while, resume the Dictatorship of Manhattan. They do not deny he has been to a certain extent corrupt, but they aver he has not been nearly so much so as has been charged. They have the hardihood to affirm that the Reform party, in whose hands the City Government now is, will have a worse record than Tweed, Sweeny & Co.; that the honest men in power are without brains, and that the men of brains are without honesty,—so that, between the two, the Municipal Treasury will be robbed right and left. The signs of the times assuredly are not flattering. Certain notorious, knavish politicians, who claim to possess the integrity of Aristides, are known to be members of a new Ring, and to be in a position to influence leading officials to do their bidding.

If we are to have another reign of corruption, I am afraid honorable citizens will despair of Gotham, and make no further effort to effect a reform, which they deem hopeless. They supposed that, at the last election, they had completely destroyed the odious Ring. If they have done so only to create another, equally bad or worse, the fable of the Hydra will be verified, except that we have no Hercules willing to destroy the hideous monster. I have seen so much corruption here, in the last twenty years, that I am not at all sure that it would not be well to separate the city from the State, convert it into an absolute despotism, and appoint an autocrat who would sacrifice everybody and everything to the simple ends of justice.

THE NEW CYCLOPÆDIA.

The new edition of the American Cyclopædia, which has been in preparation for some months past, will be completed, I understand, in about two years from this time. It will have so many additions and improvements that it will be almost new. The present edition was mainly completed in 1867, and the fifteen years since have been among the most eventful, not only in our own, but in general history.

D. Appleton & Co. are said to have cleared more than $1,500,000 on the Cyclopædia, and the editors, George Ripley and Charles A. Dana, to have had, by their percentage on the sale, an annual income of $5,000 or $6,000 each. The first issue was a splendid piece of printing, and the printing and supervising of the new edition, upon which, no doubt, the publishers will realize more money than they have upon the old.

Speaking of

GEORGE RIPLEY,

who has long stood at the head of the literary reviewers of America, it is a little singular he has never published a book, or made any collection of his writings in book-form. He has written volumes upon volumes in the *Tribune*, and is a master of pure, nervous, elegant English. It would have been so easy and natural to put between covers some of his dainty and eloquent essays, that it must seem odd to many that he has resisted the temptation. His name has a prominent name in journalism and literature for a quarter of a century; and yet, beyond a few contributions to the magazines, he has written scarcely anything outside of his editorial department.

I cannot think of any litterateur with one-tenth his ability or fame who has not been guilty of at least one book. In these days of eagerness to get between covers, his determination not to get between them should be set down to his credit. It is so common for persons to make books without reason, that it is invigorating to hear of somebody who, having reason and material, religiously refrains from authorship.

Time was—at least I have been told so—when to be an author was to be somewhat distinguished by that fact alone. Now the distinction is, not to be an author. To-day everybody writes, and, what is worse, everybody prints. I have been trying for some time to find the man or woman who is not hopelessly literary; and yet, however I go, these infernal scribblers will spring up.

Wouldn't it be pleasant to discover somebody who had never composed a line? I was introduced, the other evening, to a lady who, I had understood, was entirely innocent of ink. I was charmed by her for that reason. I do not know that she was agreeable, interesting, or accomplished; but the ever-present thought that she, at least, had no sins of the pen to answer for, presented her to my imagination as a lovely monster.

After an hour's conversation, I told her the cause of her secret fascination, when she corrected my erroneous impression by informing me that she was the author of six books.

I have surrendered expectation. I shall not attempt to discover any more men or women who are not literary. There may be such, but they are seldom revealed to mortal eye. My private impression is, that the non-writing race has died out.

RUSTIC CRITICISM OF "HAMLET."

Some one has been telling me that, when Edwin Booth was playing recently in a certain New England town, many persons in the audience regarded "Hamlet," not as a poem, but as a contemporaneous event presented for their approval. They insisted on making Booth responsible for the Prince, and came away with the opinion that the actor was very clever, but that he lacked decision and consistency.

One woman in the theatre censured him severely for "going on at such an awful rate" about his father. "Lord!" said she, "I'm only a woman, and my father died when I was a girl; and I'm sure made such a fuss about it as Edwin Booth does. He's old enough to know better. The idea of a grown man like him taking on in that way, just because his father 's dead. And what if his mother did marry again? That isn't so strange that he should keep abusing her all the time for it. Edwin Booth may be a very nice fellow; but he can't expect everybody to look at things as he does. They say he's a Dane. I don't know what a Dane is; but it must be a new-fangled name for a fool that goes round crying all the time because his father's dead, and swear's he'll kill his uncle, and is afraid to when he has a chance. Lord! I hope we shall never have any Danes coming over here, if they are all like Edwin Booth."

It is reported that

JAMES LENOX,

the founder of the Lenox Library, in addition to his private collection of books and works of art, the site on Fifth Avenue, and $400,000, has recently added $100,000 more to his donation. Mr. Lenox is an eccentric character. He has been a recluse for many years, and has kept his fine books, MS8., pictures, and antiques so secluded that very few persons have ever received permission to see them. Many gentlemen have endeavored at different times, it is said, to consult some of his rare works; but he has seldom allowed them the privilege.

A story is told that Henry Ward Beecher called on him once to consult some ancient volume, not to be found elsewhere. Mr. Beecher's name was sent in to Mr. Lenox, who repeated, "Henry Ward Beecher! Henry Ward Beecher!" several times, and, supposing him to be some unknown and irresponsible person, returned word that, not having the pleasure of his acquaintance, his request was declined.

One of Mr. Lenox's idiosyncrasies is reported to be his unwillingness to read the newspapers, except on special occasions; and the result is, that he has no idea what is occurring in the world. It is said that, about a week ago, somebody spoke to him of Horace Greeley's death. He remarked that he was not aware of the journalist's decease; he had supposed Mr. Greeley was still the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

It might be imagined that Mr. Lenox had not heard of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. I am sure he has, however, for he has some of the original letters and journals of the renowned Genoese in his possession, and he must, therefore, have learned the fact, of which he might otherwise have remained in perfect ignorance.

WRITERS' CO-OPERATING.

Several prominent authors are trying to form a co-operative association of journalists and literary men, with a view of protecting themselves from what they regard as the injustice of publishers. They say that they are more poorly paid for their work than any class of cultivated people in the world; that the very best of them, even after gaining a high reputation, cannot earn more than $4,000 or $5,000 a year, while a lawyer, actor, or physician, with less ability and labor, can ear nat least five, often ten, times as much. They have no particular fault to find with newspaper-publishers; but with the publishers of magazines and books they are seriously at variance. The latter, they affirm, take every advantage of them, frequently refusing to pay for work when it is done, returning MSS. that have been accepted, and refusing decent compensation for severe and conscientious labor.

Exactly how the authors intend to mend matters, is not stated. The best way, to my mind, to right their wrongs, will be not to write at all. If they should withdraw from the copy-making market, and turn their genius in the direction of peanut-selling, or boot-blacking, they might forget their woes in the comparative prosperity that would attend their exertions in the new and more remunerative field of enterprise.

SALMAGUNDI.

Thousands of New Yorkers talk of attending the World's Fair at Vienna next summer. Present appearances indicate that the Austrian Exposition will be much more largely attended by our countrymen than was the French Exposition.

All sorts of queer economy are practised in these days. Going to Boston, the other day, on one of the Stonington boats, I met an acquaintance whom I had met there several times before. I asked him if he lived on the vessel, and, to my surprise, he said he did partially. His reason was, that he liked water-travel, liked the fare, and found it chesaper to go backward and forward than to live in New York.

Isaac H. Bromley, formerly of the Hartford *Evening Post*, has become a member of the *Tribune* staff. His wide political knowledge and experience will be of much value to the journal.

Some of the habitues of the Astor Library are taking up a subscription to purchase a few reams of paper for that institution, which, on account of its extreme poverty, is unable to furnish even the smallest scrap of foolscap to those having occasion to visit its alcoves. Edmund Yates will receive, it is said, from the *Herald*, $200 (gold) a week, for acting as correspondent from Vienna. COLEMOUR.

THE EVILS OF THE DAY.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There are lessons in the recent astounding revelations of political corruption that have alternately shamed and angered us, that should hardly be allowed to pass unnoticed. Men who have stood before the nation for years, filling positions of trust ably and honorably,—men who have been looked up to and admired by all,—have been proved wanting, and are to-day known and despised by honest men as false to their name, their country, and their God.

From every heart goes up the cry of execration against these creatures who have smirched the pages of our history as a people with stains that our children yet unborn must ever blush to see or hear of. Already the storm of indignation, gathering strength each day as it is fed by fresh disclosures, sounds a note of warning to all unworthy Congressmen. Away with all who have so lowered the once high character of American statesmen!

Are we never to understand that we must have none to represent us, either in the Senate or the House, on whom the very faintest suspicion of evil rests? Are the dreams of a "model Republic," such as are dear to all who yet remember how blood was freely shed in order to preserve the form of Union, never to be realized? Are we to rest tamely under these insults to our pride? Are we indeed given over, beyond hope of redemption, to the vile gang of bribe-takers who crowd the halls made sacred by our vivid recollections of other days, when patriotism was the rule, and love of fame the exception? Would to God these five United States would but rouse from their lethargy, and send back such a shout of "No" as would once more confound our enemies.

Meantime, the deadly influences of wealth and vulgar display, of infidelity and adultery, of skepticism and atheism, are ever-increasing tide of crime, and the equally deplorable sentiment which makes a murderer an object of morbid pity rather than of detestation; the scandal of our divorce courts and laws; the laxity of morals in communities the most straight-laced and orthodox; the fearful evil of shame, infanticide, and suicide, which our daily papers so regularly chronicle; even working in our private as well as public life, preparing men for a future more shameless than the present, when virtue and honor will be as obsolete in name as in reality, and our degradation will be complete.

But while at times we are disposed to envy those who, sleeping far away, under the warm sward of Southern battle-fields, are spared the pain of seeing the land in such a plight, we, "Young Americans," are willing to meet and fight these later dangers that menace us in a spirit worthy of our brethren. We hope yet to see our country rescued from the evil hands into which she has fallen; but the "new era" will never come unless public sentiment is stimulated to such a degree than an honest man may touch politics and not be defiled. Ah! how long will American gentlemen sit quietly at home, and see themselves supplanted in positions for which their talents and abilities fit them, while gamblers, ex-prize-fighters, bigamists, lobbyists, and bribe-takers are sent to legislate for them and their children, by the influence of gangs that are strongest at our ballot-boxes as at our groggeries? Shame on the indolence which can look on and see such things done in the name of the American Congress!

Where is the leader of the future, who will so rouse his countrymen to some sense of their responsibilities as citizens, as to hurl from power a crowd of shameless thieves with the scorn and loathing of a whole nation, that they may, like Iscariot, go and hang themselves?

We can only wait and hope that the day will come when we shall be able to hold our heads up once again.

Perhaps the bitterly humiliating experience of this winter may teach us great truths, that we will do well to heed. But we cannot cleanse a stream the source of which is foul. We cannot have honest Congressmen without we first have honest voters. We cannot have either without honest and energetic citizens do their duty. CANTERBURY.

CHICAGO, March 3, 1873.

THE TOWN OF KNOX, IND.

KNOX, Ind., Feb. 25, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The town of Knox, countyseat of Starke County, Ind., is pleasantly located on the south bank of Yellow River, 68 miles southeast of Chicago, 60 miles east of Kankakee, Ill., 90 miles west of Plymouth, and in the midst of one of the best stock-ranges in the great Northwest. It contains a population of 1,100 pure Anglo-Saxon, strictly moral inhabitants. It has 1 weekly newspaper, 4 general stores, 1 drug store, 3 retail grocories, 1 millinery establishment, 2 hotels, 1 graded school, 1 art-gallery, (the picture-car), 1 church, 1 saw-mill, 1 cabinet-shop, and 2 saloons (whisky). The professions are represented by 9 lawyers, 6 doctors, 1 professor of music, 1 artist, but nary resident preacher. The town also contains a fine working Lodge of Masons, who own a splendid hall-building, furnished in good style. A Lodge of I. O. O. F. was organized here last fall, is now in good working order, and numbers among its citizens some of the best citizens of the town. Heretofore Knox has been without any means for transportation, and, consequently, behind neighboring towns in point of wealth and improvements. But it soon expects to be a first-class railroad town, or rather a town on a first-class railroad,—the Plymouth, Kankakee & Pacific (which has been pacific enough for the past year), the road-bed of which is graded all along the line, the ties on the ground, and everything in readiness for the iron, which, it is said, will be put down as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and the cars be running ere the June roses bloom. Quite a number of buildings were erected here last year, and many more are in contemplation under the impetus of the railroad. Our court-house is first-class, and an honor to the county. But a flouring or grist-mill is one of the great wants of Knox, and any man who has the nerve to invest in such an enterprise will find a splendid location here, would be cordially welcomed by the leading citizens, and blessed by the community in general. There is also a splendid chance here for industrious men of small means, to secure homes at low prices and easy terms, without going away out West,—there being plenty of cheap land in this county. There is a good opening here for a shoemaker, and a harness-shop would also be well patronized. But, with the first snort of the iron horse, we expect all "sich" to follow in his wake. T. J. T.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The "Construction Company" and its Operations---Credit Mobilier, Jr.

The Duluth Docks Folly---Buying Up Newspapers.

What Minnesota Business Men Think of the Road.

Who Buy the Bonds?---The Bondholders' Security---The Road "Ahead of Time."

From a Cincinnati Commercial Correspondent on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

CREDIT MOBILIER, JUNIOR.

To build the first 115 miles of road, a Construction Company was formed. Bill King, the famous lobbyist, who has done so much for the road among his friends in Congress, was at the head of it. The line of the road, east of Brainerd, lies through a level country, covered, in great part, by timber. The timber is small, being about the right size for cross-ties. So you will understand that the cost of construction was not excessive. The Construction Company built the road in winter. The ground was frozen, marshes, swamps, and all, into a solid, unyielding chunk. The ties were laid upon the frozen surface, the rails properly put on, spiked down, and the road declared to be "built." It was very nice, indeed. The bed was solid, the rails smooth, and the cars ran well over it. The Construction Company was pleased, the railroad company was pleased, and general happiness pervaded all circles. But spring came; the ground thawed; the marshes were released from their ice-fetters; the swamps peeped up through the ice; the rains descended, and the small floods came, and what a road! The bed was sunk in some places, and raised up at others. The ties sunk under the weight of a train, and at each end of each tie was a puddle. In places the track disappeared from view entirely. It went down, down. The condition of things was deplorable. The road could not be operated.

It was plain, very plain, that the Construction Company had not built a first-class road. It was but a wretched imitation, after the frost came out of the ground.

Well, by some sort of a hocus pocus, the railroad company, through its engineers, was induced to receive the road with an abatement of $1,000. How much more than this it cost the Construction Company is not known; but so far as the public can see, they got the road off their hands at that figure. Now, mark you, it cost the railroad company $500,000 to put the road in first-class order after they had received it from the Construction Company. They are at work at it till this day, driving piles in soft marshes, trying to fill bottomless holes, and in some points changing the road bed for considerable distances.

By their contract, the Construction Company of twelve men cleared over $100,000 each!

But that was not all of the spoil. They elected a United States Senator, William Windom. Windom came here a "smooth-faced dodging of the law" from the State of New York. By consummate tact of working wires, rather than by his talents, has succeeded in reaching the Senate. He is a creature of the Northern Pacific Company. It is not disputed but that he owes his election to that Company and to the Company's rings. His name beautifully appears among the list of Directors. It was important that the company should have one of their Directors in the Senate. It will be more important, after a while, when they commence howling for a government subsidy. It is reported that Windom has $60,000 stock in the road. At all events, he is a Director.

So you will see the importance and significance of his election to the Senate. In the campaign the *Daily Press*, of St. Paul, the leading Republican newspaper, was a little lukewarm on Windom. They did not rush up to the scratch beautifully, with their faces wreathed in the smiles of rejoicing. Intimations were thrown out by that sheet that there were other men in Minnesota, besides Windom, capable of representing that State in the Senate. This would never do, and the *Press* must be conciliated. So the Construction Company gave the proprietors an equal share in the concern with the rest, a one-twentieth interest. Then the paper came up to the work smilingly. Windom was elected. The share in the Construction Company netted the paper a large amount. The sheet has been very loyal to the road and all concerned ever since.

Bill King, who does the bulk of the lobbying for the railroad company, and for any other company that may employ him, was for several years Postmaster of the House of Representatives. He went in poor, but is now rich. He has helped the rewriting of the road on favorable terms with members of Congress. He knows who of them will sell out. It is current here, where Bill is known the best, that he acts as a sort of middle man, and receives commissions both ways.

DULUTH DOCKS.

In that stupendous fraud, the Duluth docks, and in fancy buildings and unnecessary "improvements" along the line, the Company have sunk a round half million of dollars. The great docks at Duluth were a stupendous folly. How much they cost is not known outside the ring, but the amount is estimated all the way from a quarter to half a million. This wholesale expenditure was not needed, except to enable the Company to be cramped last fall, and the only thing that

THE LAW COURTS.

Another Chapter in the History of the "Great Western."

State and Federal Courts---Decision by Judge Farwell.

State's Attorney Reed and the Driver Record.

Bankruptcy and General Notes---New Suits.

Frederick Herbold, a victim of "surprise and intense disgust" at his treatment by the Assignee of the Great Western Insurance Company, yesterday filed a bill praying an injunction restraining the Assignee from collecting the balance due on the stock-note of the complainant, on the various grounds stated in previous attempts of that nature, which are already familiar to the readers of THE TRIBUNE. He claims that the Company contracted to issue to him a certificate of full paid-up stock on the payment of 20 per cent of the face value, on the agreement that nothing more would ever be paid thereon, and that nothing could ever be collected by assessments thereon, no matter what the circumstances. The Company was about to fit up the Major Block for offices, and Major, who was the President, represented that the complainant should supply furniture and be paid for it by stock, not advancing a dollar in money, the amount of the account being $800, which it was arranged and agreed in writing was to be paid for in fully paid-up stock, on which interest was to be received by complainant at the rate of 10 per cent. He makes the usual objections as to increase of capital being based on forgeries, and therefore illegal, etc., and concludes with the usual prayer for injunction and relief.

JUDGE FARWELL ON STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS.

Judge Farwell, who has for a long time been searching the authorities for information as to points affecting the jurisdiction of State and Federal Courts that have come up in the suit, Beers v. Richmond et al., yesterday delivered his opinion.

The defendant, Mary Richmond, made a motion to transfer the case to the United States Court, as between her and the complainant, Beers. The parties are, Beers, a resident of this State, versus Mary Richmond, a resident of the State of New York, and two other Richmonds, residents of this State. Beers, a judgment creditor of Thomas Richmond, executrix of Dean Richmond, deceased, late of New York, is seeking to reach property which is alleged to have been conveyed by Richmond & Co. to Dean Richmond, as security for money loaned. Mary Richmond petitions to have the cause removed to the United States Circuit Court, as between herself and the complainant Beers, claiming that there can be a final determination in that Court of their rights without the presence there of the other Richmonds as defendants. The Court held that, inasmuch as the bill called for an accounting, the mortgagors as well as the mortgagee are indispensable parties, and that there cannot be a final determination, within the meaning of the law, in their absence; referring, in support of this position, to first volume Abbott's United States Practice, page 250, second Curtis Circuit Court Reports, page 171, and third Sumner Circuit Reports, page 422.

The parties are not prevented, by this decision, applying to the United States Circuit Court for permission, which they will probably do, when the views of Judge Drummond will be learned.

THE STATE ATTORNEY AND THE DRIVER RECORD.

Yesterday morning, State Attorney Reed was in frequent consultation with Judge Gary and Judge Rogers, as to the record in the Driver case, appealed to the Supreme Court. Mr. Reed having got through with his interview with Judge Rogers, proceeded, in pursuance to appointment, to Judge Gary's Court, and the Court adjourned the regular business. Mr. Reed pointed out the various matters which in his opinion might provoke inquiry by the Supreme Court, and His Honor having deliberated on the matter submitted, gave his opinion in detail thereon. Thereupon the State's Attorney began rolling up his papers, and growling, sotto voce, about the Supreme Court selecting him for a victim. The reporter approached, soothing the irate gentleman with the reflection that he would make a very pretty martyr, some day, if he tried hard enough.

Mr. Reed said he had every reason to complain. If the Supreme Court wanted to find fault, they ought to have found fault with the lawyers as well as him; and Judge Porter, too. But oh no; they couldn't pitch into them, but must turn on him. But they'd have a clean record this time.

Judge Gary said that if the Supreme Court was determined to reverse the record, it did not matter what Mr. Reed did with it. He was now trying to make a clean record in such a case. It was impossible, if the Court was so determined.

The State's Attorney was resolved that he would give them no fair chance.

Judge Gary—If Judge McAllister is determined to have a rap at you, and if the other six Judges of the Supreme Court stand by him, it is no matter what kind of record you make.

And the Judge, grimly smiling, put on the bandage with one hand, and, holding the scales with the other, proceeded to weigh out justice with unimpaired cheerfulness and impartiality.

THE GREAT WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The evening papers published a bill last evening, as filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, yesterday morning, by the Directors of the Great Western Telegraph Company. Its contents may be inferred from the heading: "The New Management Moving—They Pray the Court to Order an Accounting by Reeve—They Ask Reference of the Entire Matter to a Master in Chancery." Up to 5 o'clock, the usual hour for closing the courts, they did no such thing; and, if any paper publishes a pretended summary of such a bill, the reader is cautioned that the pretended bill is no more a matter of record of Cook County than if an outsider were so bring a copy of something he proposed to publish at some future time to this journal to be printed. Whatever the bill may turn out to be, when it is filed, the facts and figures will probably prove to be familiar to the readers of this column.

A DIVORCE PUT THROUGH IN SEVEN HOURS.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the papers in the divorce suits, Sarah J. v. James H. Wright, were filed in the Superior Court. They were immediately carried before Judge Gary, and the usual formalities gone through, and referred to a Master in Chancery, who took evidence, and reported before the rising of the Court. The defendant appeared before the Judge and offered no defense, and before 5 o'clock the decree of divorce was entered.

The reporter remarked that it was quick work. Judge Gary said it was put through in time for the parties to marry again last night, if they liked, and come before him in entirely new suits to-day.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

McDonough, Price & Co., yesterday, prayed for the adjudication of E. C. Stacey, claiming as follows, whatever it may amount to, that "the said E. C. Stacey was a member of the firm of G. B. Stacey & Son, and on behalf of said firm, and in its name, contracted with your petitioners to deliver to them 100 tons of husks, as needed, in payment for which said McDonough, Price & Co. executed and delivered to said G. B. Stacey & Son their three promissory notes for $1,500 each, two of which have since been paid." They allege as acts of bankruptcy that E. C. Stacey, being insolvent, on the 17th of January, 1873, suffered his property to be taken on legal process with intent to give a preference to his creditors.

In the matter of William W. Wood & Co., the assignee yesterday filed a petition for leave to sell the bankrupt's property in Rockford, valued at from $16,000 to $18,000, which is mortgaged for more than it is worth; praying that the proceeds be divided among the creditors holding mortgages to extinguish all claims, both against the real estate and the other property of the petitioners. A rule was entered on the parties to show cause why this should not be done, on the 8th inst.

John Hollister, of Hannibal, Martin County, Missouri, yesterday petitioned for the adjudication of Sidney Fuller & Pierce, claiming, as creditors for $258.36. Fraudulent transfers and a writ of attachment for debt are alleged as acts of bankruptcy. They claim to be creditors for goods supplied on list of February last, less cash, amounting to $11,010.38.

THE JUDGES.

Judge Porter roused the sarcastic powers of long-enduring reporters, by something under twenty pages of decisions.

Judge Booth patronized the even tenor of his way, yesterday, lost in admiration at the eloquence, pathos, and lung power of the counsel in Whitcomb v. Boyd.

Judge Tree's Court is thronged with the black diamond workers. The Carbon Hill coal case seems likely to take up a week or so.

Judge Farwell got through at an early hour, after deciding two or three motions, one of which, a matter affecting the jurisdiction of State and Federal Courts, we give in a separate paragraph.

Judge William appeared in his Court, a short time yesterday, after his trials in the Criminal Court were over, and looked over the papers that had accumulated during his lengthened absence.

Judge Rogers was waited on by State Attorney Reed, in the course of the morning, for the purpose of examining the record in the Driver case, appealed to the Supreme Court.

Judge Gary has entered upon the reading of a perfectly appalling series of heavy literature.

Judge Drummond, yesterday, resumed his seat in the United States Circuit Court.

Judge Blodgett is presiding in his own Court, the District, and was engaged yesterday in the call of the December calendar.

GENERAL NOTES.

John Sheldon yesterday commenced suit in the Superior Court against Wm. H. VanOrnum, to annul contracts for buying out for joint profit certain patents which it is alleged Van said he had means to do, but which it is now discovered he has no means to do. The bill consisted of nineteen pages of words and three facts.

The following judgments were among those entered by Judge Porter, yesterday: Cobb v. Chicago Waste Cleaning Company, $3,142.82; Allen v. Oviott, $2,147.18; Lane v. Commercial Insurance Company, $1,597.50; Hall v. Same, $7,579; Adams v. Ramp, $2,133.78.

Mary O'Halloran, administratrix of her deceased husband, yesterday commenced suit, in case, against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company for $5,000 damages.

An assumpsit suit for $75,000 damages was yesterday commenced in the United States Circuit Court by Charles H. Hurd against Asa Vail.

The charge of the Judge to the jury in the Winnesheik insurance cases was exhaustive and interesting. It covered the whole ground already gone over in detail in these columns.

In John A. v. Martha L. Gilbert, a rule was ordered by Judge Farwell, yesterday, on complainant, to show cause why he should not be attached for non-compliance with a previous order to pay alimony.

In Elzemann v. The City, the sidewalk accident case before Judge Booth, reported in this column yesterday, the jury yesterday returned a verdict for $3,000.

None of the insurance companies, in bankruptcy, that should have made their monthly returns on the 1st inst., have reported since the filing of the reports published in yesterday's TRIBUNE.

A large number of small verdicts was rendered in the United States District Court, yesterday, principally in the Great Western and Winnesheik Insurance Companies.

Amanda S. Cook yesterday filed exceptions to the bond filed by the South Park Commissioners, on the ground of insufficiency, etc.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Charles H. Hurd v. Asa Vail; assumpsit, $75,000.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Frederick Herbold v. Clark W. Thompson, Assignee of the Great Western Insurance Company; bill.

THE CIRCUIT COURT—6,055—Hochmuth v. Sherer; appeal. 6,056—Allen v. Crittenden. 6,057—Nancy Herzog v. Mary Seifert; assumpsit, $1,800. 6,058 to 6,065—Appeals. 6,066—Mary Halloran, administratrix, v. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Company; case, $5,000. 6,067—John A. Porter and John E. Darley v. Barbara McMahon; attachment, $1,000. 6,068—Albert W. Webster et al. v. B. S. & J. A. Hays; assumpsit, $300. 6,069—Appeal.

THE SUPERIOR COURT—42,557—G. H. C. Williams & Co. v. J. W. Becker and W. J. Briggs; assumpsit, $500.—42,558—Sarah J. Wright v. James H. Wright; no papers. 42,559—Elizabeth Blue v. Henry W. Blue; desertion alleged. 42,560—John Bischi v. H. H. Armstead; assumpsit, $250. 42,561—Garrity et al. v. Olson, garnishee, et al.; appeal. 42,562—John Sheldon v. Wm. H. Van Ornum; bill to amend certain contracts. 42,563—Julius H. Stahr v. Martin Weber; case, $3,000.

NOTES FROM THE SUBURBS.

EVANSTON.

The monthly meeting of the Village Trustees was held on Tuesday night at the office of Theodore Reese, the Secretary of the Board. President C. J. Gilbert, J. H. Kedzie, Ambrose Foster, and C. F. Gray were present. An ordinance was passed giving the Road Commissioner of the village authority to take gravel from the lake shore to complete the grading of Hamilton avenue, the southern boundary of the village. The petition in regard to the extension of Sherman avenue was referred back from the Committee, and was laid on the table for the future consideration of the Board. An ordinance authorizing the village to give a deed to the Ladies' College of the property on which they are now erecting their new buildings was passed. Two plats for subdivisions were received, and, meeting with the approval of the Board, were ordered recorded.

The Evanston Philosophical Association met at the Library Hall on the evening of Tuesday. The attendance was good, the following members responding to their names: Dr. Bannister, E. M. Blatchford, L. H. Boutelle, C. Bradley, W. Brainard, Dr. M. C. Briggs, Prof. Carhart, Dr. N. S. Davis, Dr. Hemenway, L. J. Gage, Dr. J. S. Jewell, A. Hesler, Dr. L. Knox, Prof. Kistler, Prof. Kellog, Rev. E. W. Packard, Rev. G. C. Noyes, Charles Raymond, A. Shuman, G. W. Winslow, W. M. Wyckoff, and Oliver Marcy, the President of the Association. Messrs. Gage, Abbott and N. M. Gridley were elected members of the Association. There being no papers forthcoming, the Association, at the suggestion of Prof. Oliver Marcy, proceeded to discuss "Force and Its Secondary Causes." The discussion was of a very interesting character, lasting for an hour and a half. At the close of the discussion it was moved and carried that the association meet in Hesler & Gau's art gallery in two weeks.

The concert of the Musical Society was fairly attended and fair in character. The solo of Mr. George H. Jott was well received. Mrs. Igleheart sang with great credit to herself "Who's at My Window." Miss Maggie Perry was in good voice, and rendered "Separation" excellently. Miss Eva Mattison sang with sweetness, and was peremptorily recalled. The concert was an improvement on the last, and the Society have every reason to feel encouraged.

The annual declamation contest of the freshman class of the University will take place in the Methodist Church this evening.

The monthly sociable of the Methodist Church will be held at the parsonage, next to the church, this evening.

NORTH EVANSTON.

The Try Lyceum met at this place on Tuesday night in the school-house. The exercises consisted of the usual readings, recitations, music, &c. There was some good music, and a most pleasant evening was passed by all.

HIGHLAND PARK.

The Baptist and Presbyterian Churches of this suburb join in a sociable at the hall this evening. There will be literary exercises and good music to beguile the hours should they drag. The Musical and Literary Society will meet next Tuesday evening at the residence of George Leslie, Esq. Hall's Stereopticon will give an exhibition at the hall on Saturday evening.

A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

Thomas Hoyne, Esq., the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Library, and who takes a special interest in the prosperity of the institution, has just made it a valuable present of a full set of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, which was at Eastman & Bartlett's bookstore, on Clark street. The set consists of 164 volumes, —beginning in the year 1731 and coming down to the middle of the present century. While the interest of some of its contents has died away, yet it contains an immense amount of matter which is of permanent value in history, politics, antiquities, etc. It covers the period of the American Revolution, and of the war of 1812, giving numbers of original documents relating to both sides, and plans of battles, sieges, etc., connected with Continental and European wars. The whole edition is richly illustrated with engravings, maps, and architectural designs. It also contains the only record of the proceedings of a Parliament for a long series of years, covering a period when it was not safe to publish them, except by giving the initials of the speakers, or by giving false names. During a portion of this time Dr. Johnson wrote up the debates. The cost of this publication, the first thing of the kind which ever assumed the title of "Magazine," was $500. It will be, in all respects, the most valuable acquisition the Library has yet made.

Maize Flour.

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Chicago, and the public generally, to the fact that we are the general agents for Jones & Standing's celebrated Maize Flour, manufactured by Messrs. Smith & Phelps, of Rock Falls, Ill., and we are fully prepared to supply the trade with either large or small quantities, and at prices to suit the times. Mr. William Standing, one of the patentees, is in the city, and intends to pay a visit to all of the leading groceries and hotels for the purpose of introducing the above article. S. H. McCann & Co., No. 187 East Washington street.

CHARITY AND CORRECTION.

Second Biennial Report of the Illinois Board of Commissioners of Public Charities.

Thirteen Public Institutions---Their Cost Since 1839---Estimates for 1873.

County Alms-Houses---Prison-Reform---Recommended Abolition of the County Jail System.

The second biennial report of the Board of State Commissioners of Public Charities of Illinois, prepared by the Secretary, the Rev. Fred H. Wines, has just been published. Like its predecessor, it contains a great amount of useful information, but it is in many respects more general. The report deals first with insanity, idiocy, blindness, etc., which it classifies under the head of "misfortune." It refers to various causes from which the spring, such as consanguineous marriages, disease, soil and climate, social organization, etc. This is followed by a chapter on the treatment of these various ailments.

The third chapter is a discussion of the

STATISTICS IN THE LAST CENSUS-REPORT

relative to the idiots, insane, blind, and deaf mutes of the United States. It appears from these investigations, that the foreign population is much more liable to insanity, and somewhat more liable to blindness, than the native population, but much less liable to idiocy and deaf-mutism. The male sex is less liable to insanity than the female, but more liable to blindness, etc. Old persons are the most liable to insanity and blindness, while idiocy is more common in middle life than in old age. The tendency to insanity is greatest in the North-eastern States and on the Pacific Coast, and least in the extreme Southern and Western States. The tendency to idiocy is greatest in the extreme Northeast and the border Southern States. That to blindness is the greatest in the Southern States. The tables in relation to this subject are of much interest and value.

After these preliminary chapters, the report proceeds to give a very thorough history of the

CHARITABLE LEGISLATION OF ILLINOIS,

bringing together, in the compass of a few pages, the facts which are scattered through the many volumes of laws and legislative reports. There are now 13 public institutions in this State, divided into the heads of "Correctional," "Educational," and "Charitable." The first includes the Penitentiary and the Reform School; the second, the Normal, Industrial, and Southern Normal Universities; and the third, the Northern, Southern, and Jacksonville Insane Asylums, the Institutions for the Education of the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb, the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, the School for Feeble-Minded Children, and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. These institutions, excluding the Penitentiary, have received from the State Treasury, since 1839,—that being the time when the Deaf and Dumb School, the oldest of them all, was organized,—the sum of $5,062,903.73. Of this amount the Deaf and Dumb Institution has received $1,011,389.65, and the Jacksonville Insane Hospital $1,656,170.02.

Attention is called to the heterogeneous and contradictory nature of the legislation concerning State institutions, and it is suggested that the whole of it needs thorough and careful revision.

The system of public charity in Illinois has grown to such proportions that the State institutions, in making up their estimates for 1873, asked for

AT LEAST ONE-HALF

of that part of the revenue of the State set apart for what are called revenue purposes; and the Board of Charities, which has to consider the whole subject and make its recommendations to the Legislature, found itself in a perplexing situation; it had a difficult task to decide upon the relative necessity and importance of the several applications. The estimates for the current expenses of these institutions were $463,795 per annum; but, in addition, there were requests for appropriations for extraordinary expenses, for new buildings or enlargement of old ones, amounting in aggregate of $1,250,000. After consideration, it was decided to recommend the appropriation of $447,000 this year to complete buildings now in process of erection. There are other appropriations, to the amount of $725,000, for new buildings, which will require an increase of the tax levy for 1873 before they can be granted, and others, to the amount of $169,000, which the Board consider of doubtful expediency at present, the chief item being for the completion of the Southern Insane Asylum. The Eye and Ear Infirmary of Chicago asks for $28,000 for a new building, and the Board recommends the appropriation of that amount,—$10,000 for 1873, and the remainder for 1874. So far as concerns the Board's action for an enlargement of the Deaf and Dumb School, the Board objects to it, on the ground that the demand ten years hence would not be met, and that it is unwise to have too many in one place; and, therefore, favors the erection of a new institution at some other point.

MANAGEMENT.

It is the opinion of the Board that all the public institutions are managed with scrupulous integrity, but the system of accounts and checks in use is not sufficient to prevent fraud. Exception is taken to the drawing of appropriations in advance, and depositing the money in private banks, subject to private use, until the end of the quarter, when it is paid out,—a system by which the State has been a loser before. There is also found to be a local effort to compel the officers of each institution to manage it in local interests, to make all his purchases in the home market, to deal with all, pay liberal prices, and not seek for good measure. The law provides that the Trustees shall audit all accounts before payment, but that provision is rarely, if ever, complied with, and the Board feels compelled to make various recommendations for the better securing the interests of the State.

While the aggregate

COST OF THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

is heavy, yet the Board asserts that it is very light upon each taxpayer, and gives other arguments in favor of liberality in this direction. State aid is more efficient than county or private relief—the Cook County Hospital for the Insane, the only county one in the State, ranking very low. The position taken in the previous report, that the pecuniary saving to the community by these hospitals is above what they have cost, is still insisted upon.

A few pages are devoted to the subject of

COUNTY ALMS-HOUSES.

The first fault in the management of county farms is the excessive quantity of land,—so large as to make it unprofitable to work it,—and the second is often observable in the selection of a keeper, and the absence of the contrast made with him. In many cases, men have been selected who were little above the grade of paupers, simply because they were the cheapest. The registration of paupers, under the law passed by the last General Assembly, has been generally complied with, though some County Clerks have failed to obey it. Attention is called to the propriety of making some provision for children so unfortunate as to be born in the alms-houses. In several counties, it appears, there are no such institutions, and the paupers are sold out to the lowest bidder, after the old fashion.

PRISON-REFORM.

The second part of the report consists of a discussion of the subjects of "Crime and Criminals," of "Prison-Reform," and the "County Jail System." Under the second head, the following principles are set forth: That the criminal should be removed from all associations tending to strengthen his criminal impulses; that the criminal must also be brought under the immediate influence of associations antagonistic to crime; that continued contact with better influences can only be maintained by restraint; that, while under restraint, the criminal should be furnished with every needed appliance for developing the principle of self-control,—of these, labor and education being the chief; and that, while under restraint, care should be taken to avoid harsh treatment, or whatever else tends to counteract the impression sought to be produced.

On the last point,—

THE COUNTY-JAIL SYSTEM,—

the Board is of the opinion that the practical value of jails, either for the prevention or cure of crime, compared with their cost, is trifling. Most of those in Illinois are unsafe, and those which are not are deficient in the essential conditions of life and health, badly ventilated and ill-lighted. There is not one in which the accused are separated from the sentenced. The food is generally good, but in two respects all the jails are objectionable; Prisoners are in hourly contact with one another, and there is a total lack of any useful, honorable employment. That "association in idleness" is looked upon as the curse of the present jail system, the result being to increase the number of criminals, and develop their criminality. The only remedy is the

ABOLITION OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

The present is looked upon as the proper time for taking action, especially in view of the crowded condition of the Joliet Penitentiary, and the efforts making to establish a new one in Northern Illinois. The plan proposed for the consideration of the Legislature is as follows:

In all that has been said concerning the county jails, we have spoken of them as *places of punishment*. They are also used as *places of detention* for persons awaiting trial. This double use of the jails is in itself very objectionable, for reasons already stated. But the change in the criminal law, which we advocate, will have no effect upon the use of jails as places of detention. We simply recommend that they cease to be used as places of punishment; in other words, that an intermediate grade of prisons, to be known as "district prisons," be established; and that minor offenders, when convicted, be sentenced to imprisonment in a district prison at hard labor, instead of being confined in a jail, after sentence, in idleness.

These district prisons should be organized and conducted upon the same general plan as a penitentiary, the difference existing only in the treatment, but in the class of criminals treated, the penitentiary being reserved for those who have made further progress in crime, whose crimes are greater and require a longer sentence.

The officers in charge of them should be men of a high grade of intellectual, moral, and social culture, men who can command the respect of those committed to their care, and can exert an influence over them for good, men capable of sustaining relations to criminals similar to those which the superintendents of hospitals sustain to the insane. Such men, when found, and successful in the prosecution of their difficult and delicate task, should not be liable to removal at stated intervals, nor for political consideration, but should hold their position by the same tenure as other superintendents of public institutions. They should be appointed, not elected.

The districts, under this system, will have to be large, at first. With the increase of population they will become smaller. Two distinct prisons, one in the north and one in the south, will be amply sufficient to try the experiment.

Two such prisons would cost, for their erection, little more than the proposed penitentiary.

A change in the kind of petit larceny would enable the courts to relieve the penitentiary of the pressure upon it, by the commitment to a district prison, of many who are now sent to Joliet.

The earnings of the inmates would partially defray the expense of their support, thus relieving the counties of a portion of the burden of maintenance of the criminal population at present resting upon them.

Remuneration from the counties should be made a charge against the earnings of the prison. The surplus earnings should be applied to the payment of the prison expenses. The balance of expense should be collected from the counties pro rata, according to the number of convicts sent from each, and the length of their imprisonment.

Under the system proposed by us, the cost of maintaining the convict population of the State would be materially diminished; the Judges would be encouraged to pronounce sentences proportionate to the offenses committed; the evils of association in idleness would be largely obviated; and the criminals would come under the salutary influence of a rigorous discipline; jail-breaking, rescues, and lynching would meet with a serious check; and the detergent effect of public opinion would be vastly augmented.

The report closes with a history of the origin of the Board, the work it has performed, and the results. The expenses have been a little over $5,000 per annum. It has inspected the State and county institutions; made a special census of the insane and idiotic classes of Illinois in 1869; secured the adoption of a system of registration of the criminal and pauper classes, etc., etc.

OBITUARY.

Death of Harrie G. Griffith.

The announcement in another column of the death of Harrie Gardner Griffith will awaken sadness in many hearts among those knew him as an active, brilliant, and at one time most promising young journalist. His connection with the daily press of this city is quite recent, and the recollection of his labors and himself is still fresh in the minds of his many friends. Harrie Griffith was a Welshman, born in Wales, and educated at a college in Bristol, England, where chemistry, geology, mining, and kindred sciences were special studies, and where in other branches, as well as in these, he received as thorough an education as can be acquired in England without a university course. Even at school he displayed unusual ability, which secured for him a larger share of school-prizes than usually falls to the lot of even the clever boys. He came to this continent with his parents, the eldest son of a family of sons, and settled in Canada, where, as he delighted to relate, he was sole clerk, bookkeeper, and confidential adviser in a country dry-goods store. He was not long in Canada, for, in 1864, he followed his parents to Chicago, and, though only 19 years of age, raw and inexperienced in anything but scientific studies, he obtained a situation as reporter on THE TRIBUNE. It needed only a short time to demonstrate in him the possession of extraordinary powers of mind and facility of expression. His unusual acquirements in an uncommon range of topics, and the large scope of his intelligence, qualified him admirably for the position of reporter, and it was not long before he was reputed to be the best "long-hand" reporter in the West. He had abundant wit, skill in language, a fondness for faithful research, and often gave, to what in other hands would have been a dreary presentment of facts, a brilliancy and value that attracted attention and won praise.

One of the most memorable of his reportorial achievements was his report of the court-martial investigation at Cincinnati into the Camp Douglas Conspiracy, which our readers of that day will remember. To those who are not familiar with that period of our national history we may state that it was of such accuracy, and presented with such graphic descriptive power, that it won for Mr. Griffith a ready recognition of his unusual power.

During the excitement incident to the boring of the artesian well on the West Side, in the hope of finding oil in the petroleum rock of which the Second Presbyterian Church was built, Mr. Griffith's technical knowledge stood him in good stead. From an examination of the rock, Harrie concluded that no oil would be found. He stated publicly that in his opinion plenty of water would be reached, but no oil. This opinion, coming from a very young man, was not heeded, but the event proved him right in his prediction. After establishing for himself a reputation for brilliancy on THE TRIBUNE, he left this paper in 1866, and went over to the *Republican* in the capacity of reporter, and that paper being then in the springtime of existence, Harrie sustained the impression he had already made. He could apply himself, it was found, to almost every branch of journalism. He frequently wrote editorials, handled the scissors, and, finally, was promoted to the position of city editor, where he remained for some time. During his reportorial career on the *Republican* his dramatic notices were looked for expectantly, for they were calculated to display pre-eminently the brilliancy of his style of writing, and many of them are still preserved by his associates as specimens of Harrie's genius.

On leaving the *Republican* he became law-reporter on the *Times*, of this city. In the fall of 1871, Mr. Griffith went to Boston, and accepted a situation on the *Journal of* that city, where, as in every other place, he was a general favorite, as well as an admired editor. His social qualities were as bright as his intellectual abilities, and it was no wonder that the versatile and generous young man was eagerly sought for as a companion. Hence his ruin. He left the Boston *Journal* just before the Chicago fire, but was subsequently recalled.

When the confused, ominous, and incoherent dispatches of the great fire in Chicago were being received in Boston by the press, the editors were at their wits' ends to know how to arrange the news. Harrie Griffith was hunted up, and found in a not very promising condition. But the pressure of the event brought out his full powers. Like great minds generally, his rose to the occasion. His full acquaintance with Chicago, his wonderful memory, and his vivid power as a writer, stood the Boston *Journal* in such good stead that its columns were made marvelously notable in the complete arrangement and skillful explanation of the facts and features of the Great Chicago Fire. The publishers recognized his services in a most generous manner, and hoped again for a long lease of usefulness in the talented young man—a hope which was destined not to be fulfilled.

At this time Harrie, who was gradually losing through dissipation the laurels that his genius had won for him, made a noble effort to reform. He joined a church in Boston, and, on his return to Chicago, was accredited to the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church. His reform was real and earnest. Nobody doubted his sincerity, for it was too obvious that there was no hypocrisy. He knew the impetus down the steep decline, and put on the brakes with unflinching energy. He taught in the Sunday School, and carefully avoided temptation. For some months he assisted his father in the publication of a thriving Stock Yards paper, but unfortunately yielded to the temptations of ambition, and accepted the situation of editor of the *Sunday Times*. This position he filled most acceptably, but the excitements incident to the duties of journalistic life finally overpowered his efforts to strangle bad habits, and he fell again, this appearing to be the last hope. Utterly discouraged, hopeless, and heartsick, thoroughly aware of the impossibility of his efforts to reform, mortified beyond measure at the extent of his fall and the weakness it manifested, Harrie relapsed into dissipation. He returned to assist his father, doing occasional work for the *Times*, and writing the first batch of the sketches under the head of "Walks Among the Churches." He is dead. The early promise of his life is broken. The brilliant, versatile, and generous journalist has died as other brilliant, generous men have died. His idol was Edgar Allan Poe. He resembled him closely in many particulars, except that his imagination, while brilliant in its creative powers, was untainted with the gloom that overshadowed the author of "Annabel Lee."

In all his vicissitudes, and through all the difficulties into which his habits plunged him, he never lost one of the friends he had formerly made, and there is probably no journalist of his age whose death would be regretted so sincerely and by so many old associates.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The novel and attractive programme at Grow's Opera Hall this evening, in aid of the Foundlings' Home, should draw a very large audience.

The malt stored in Section C., Burlington Warehouse, was owned by Messrs. Carl C. Moeller; the grain, consisting of oats and barley, was owned by A. Netter.

The General Committee of the Tipperary Fund are requested to meet at Burke's Hotel this evening. Collectors having books are requested to be present, and return the same, in order to wind up business.

The Board of Police Commissioners yesterday appointed James Carlin special policeman for the West Side Railroad Company. Let him change places with Superintendent Webb, and theatre-goers may obtain some means of transit home after 10 o'clock.

A mass meeting of the Board of Trade, in the interest of the proposed exposition, will be held on Saturday evening. Mayor Medill and Mr. A. C. Hesing will be the principal speakers, and there will be several others of lesser note.

The Irish Rifles will give their sixth annual military ball at Aurora Turner Hall, on Milwaukee avenue, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. This company is one of the few really Irish societies in the city, and the ball will, without doubt, be liberally patronized.

Michael Burns was, yesterday morning, fined $100 by Justice Banyon for cruelty to his family, every member of which appeared against him, stating that, besides leaving them destitute of food and fuel, he brutally maltreated them. He was sent to the Bridewell, in default of his fine.

A correspondent desires to know what the *Journal* means when it talks about a "Swiss" language. He says he understood, heretofore, that Switzerland had no national tongue, German, French, and Italian being principally spoken there. The person who wrote the notice about Shakspeare's "Richelieu" will probably explain away the Swiss error, by saying that he was down with the rheumatism when it was made.

The receipts at the Custom-House during the month of May, 1872, when navigation was fairly open, amounted to $143,000; while for the month of February, 1873, while navigation and transportation generally is on its back, the receipts were $137,000. By May, 1873, they will doubtless be very much larger than they were last year.

A man named William Riley was recently arrested in New York, for an assault with intent to kill, and bound over in $2,000 bonds to appear before the Grand Jury. He "jumped" his bail, and came to Chicago. Detective Gallagher yesterday arrested him, and he was handed over to Detective Heidleburg, of New York, who had come to Chicago in search of him. The detective and his prisoner left for New York last evening.

A hackman, named William Doolin, was before Justice Scully, yesterday morning, on the charge of swindling emigrants. The evidence showed that, contrary to his promise, the hackman refused to take, in lieu of fare, some bus tickets which the emigrants had purchased, and demanded, instead, $2. An officer therefore arrested him. Doolin took a change of venue to Justice Banyon, who fined him $10 and costs. The Mayor will revoke his license to-day.

Prof. Morse is the next lecturer in the Star Course. His theme, next Monday night, at the Michigan Avenue Church, is, "From Monad to Man," and he will illustrate the locomotive powers of the various orders of the animal creation, by rapid blackboard sketches. Prof. Morse has the reputation in the East of being the most interesting of scientific lecturers, and his first lectures here will doubtless attract all interested in scientific studies.

Mr. V. Myer, of Detroit, is in the city exhibiting his patent Automatic Discharge-Valve, for fire-engines, by which the firemen at the nozzle can shut off or put on the supply of water without stopping the engine. A public trial of this valuable invention will be made to-day at half-past 1 o'clock, on the corner of LaSalle and Quincy streets, in the presence of Fire-Marshal Williams and a committee from the Board of Fire-Underwriters.

John Allen, a member of the gang of thieves so skillfully arrested by Superintendent Washburn, Captain Hickey, and other officers, recently, was taken from the County-Hospital to the Armory yesterday. He was one of the principals in the burglary upon the residence of Mr. Dickinson, and was shot at and injured by that gentleman just as he was leaving the house. His wound was of such a serious character that he had to be taken to the County-Hospital, where he has since lain under the guardship of an officer. He and the other members of the gang will be arraigned before Justice Banyon this morning.

While the receipts from Mr. Henry M. Stanley's lecture at the Academy of Music last Sunday evening amounted to $800, it seems that he received but $70 of the amount, besides being compelled, contrary to the agreement with his agent, Dorland, to pay the advertising and newspaper bills. Mr. Stanley, by the terms of the contract, was to receive $150 per night for his lectures, and all the expenses were to be paid by Dorland. In all cities and towns where Mr. Stanley had lectured, previous to coming to Chicago, Dorland had faithfully performed his part of the contract, but once within the limits of this city, he, to use a vulgar phrase, "lost his virtue," and in this condition left Chicago on Monday morning, with the proceeds of the previous night's lecture in his pocket, and the expenses of the lecture unsettled for. Yesterday, Mr. Stanley, true to the general principles of the journalistic profession, settled all claims outstanding against him or his agent in this city.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Harriet Allen arrived in this city from Northwestern Junction, and secured rooms at the Eagle House, No. 98 South Canal street. On Sunday morning she was delivered of a child. The fact was generally known through the house, and the landlord secured her a nurse. Yesterday morning the babe was found dead in its bed, and it was at once suspicioned that it had been murdered by its mother. Coroner Stephens held an inquest on the body, and a post-mortem examination was made by Dr. Emmons, County Physician, in the presence of the jury, which developed that the babe died from suffocation. The woman stated that she knew nothing of its death, and seemed greatly grieved that she should be suspected. The verdict of the jury was that the babe came to its death by suffocation, produced either by the mother rolling over it in her sleep, or by the bed-clothes accidentally covering its face. This intelligent verdict was accepted, and the woman discharged. She states she is married, but that her husband deserted her some time ago.

Ladies with well-filled pocketbooks should exercise great watchfulness when they ride in street-cars or other public conveyances. Male pickpockets are not the only persons to be guarded against, as some of the most adroit members of the light-fingered fraternity are females. A case in point occurred yesterday in a Madison-street car, bound east. There were but three or four passengers in the vehicle. Two of them were women, one old and respectable in appearance, the other young and flashily dressed. Both were sitting close together. The young woman got out of the car at the west crossing of Madison and Canal streets, and rapidly disappeared. The old lady stepped off at the Briggs House corner, and had scarcely reached the sidewalk before she hailed the conductor to stop. He halted the car when it had reached the level of the viaduct, and inquired of the old lady, who came panting after, what she wanted. She replied that she had lost her pocketbook containing $70, and requested him to look through the car for it. He did so, but failed to find it. The flashily-dressed female was spending the contents about that time.

THE RAILROADS.

The New Narrow-Gauge Chicago, Millington & Western Railway.

The Viaduct Question Virtually Settled---Personal.

The articles of incorporation of the Chicago, Millington & Western Railway having been recorded at Springfield, and in each county through which the railway is proposed to be run, the Directors of this Company met in this city yesterday to complete the organization.

A code of by-laws was adopted, and the following officers chosen for the present year:

President—Lewis Steward, of Plano.
Vice-President—J. W. Eddy, of Millington.
Treasurer—Julian S. Rumsey, of Chicago.
Secretary—George N. Jackson, of Chicago.
Executive Committee—J. W. Eddy, Chairman; Stephen G. Paddock, of Princeton; Julian S. Rumsey.
Finance Committee—Julian S. Rumsey, Chairman; James Barton, of Peru; Lewis Steward.

After a full discussion, it was unanimously voted to adopt the three-feet gauge, and a committee was appointed to prepare a schedule of freight and passenger tariffs as authorized by Sec. 25½ of the General Railroad law of this State.

The route of this road, as before stated, is to Millington, on the Fox River, thence through a portion of the coal fields to Princeton. The objective point on the Mississippi River is Muscatine or Davenport.

The subject of narrow-gauge railroads is exciting great attention in Iowa. Several lines are likely to be built, and as the Chicago, Millington & Western will give them a connection with Chicago, it may become an important feeder to the business of this city.

THE VIADUCT QUESTION.

The firm stand taken by the City Government in the important question of viaducts appears to have brought about good results already, with a fair indication of complete success in the future. It will be remembered that the new railroads entering the city are compelled to build viaducts and all approaches thereto, over their tracks, at such street crossings as the Board of Public Works may designate. The old roads were under no compulsion to do so, and were reluctant to expend the money necessary for the construction of such viaducts and approaches. Feeling keenly the necessity for the building of the kind, they have frequently proposed to build all but the approaches, and such viaducts as have already been constructed were built upon this agreement. The

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

McVICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between State and Dearborn. Engagement of Edwin Booth. "Much Ado About Nothing."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, south of Madison. "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. "False Shame."

MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe.

GLOBE THEATRE—Desplaines street, between Madison and Washington. "Hidden Hand."

BUSINESS NOTICES.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY—WHOLE TICKET, $2. Circulars sent; information given. J. E. MARTINEZ & CO., Bankers, 10 Wall-st., P. O. Box 6685, New York.

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TO THE CONSUMPTIVE.—THE VIRTUES OF WILBOR'S COMPOUND OF COD LIVER OIL AND LIME, without possessing the very nauseating flavor of the article as heretofore used, is rendered by the phosphate of lime one of the most powerful curatives which remedies the oil doubly efficacious. Remarkable testimonials of its efficacy can be exhibited to those who desire to see them. For sale by A. B. WILBOR, Chemist, No. 108 Court-st., Boston.

HOW CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED—IT IS now generally admitted that the only medicines that will cure Consumption, Scrofula, Liver Complaint, Kidney Disease, Seaweed Tonic, and Mandrake Pills.

The Mandrake Pills clear out the liver and restore it to a healthy condition, purge all the foul, vitiated and diseased matter that is stopping up the stomach and bowels, and interfering with the digestive organs, leaving them free from calomel or any other thing that is injurious to the system, and can be taken with safety by all classes and conditions. The Seaweed Tonic, being the best known tonic and other organs, creates a good appetite, and assists to digest the food, strengthens the general system, and the person will soon grow exciting and increase in flesh.

The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the diseased matter in the lungs, and expels it by expectoration; heals all sores and ulcers in the throat, lungs, and thus arrests the system in its death who had been given up as incurable with Pulmonary Consumption. In a few cases the medicine may not succeed, not from any want of confidence in the medicine themselves, but solely on account of the imprudence of those using them.

I find the great error with most people is, that they do not take proper care of themselves, and, by exposure to our damp and cold atmosphere, are liable to take cold. I wish to state here very emphatically, that if people wish to get well they must avoid exposure, dress for cold, or change able weather, particularly during the winter or early spring. They must not take cold, and, in my extensive experience, I have found it best for Consumptive people during the cold and damp weather to remain in a well ventilated room, and, by the aid of a thermometer, regulate the temperature at or near a uniform standard, say 70°.

The temperature most grateful and invigorating to the human system ranges from 65 to 75 degrees, but it may be made higher or lower, to suit peculiarities. This temperature seems to abstract the heat of the body in about the same proportion to which it is generated in a healthy state of the system, and this degree of temperature is therefore the most congenial, for it neither exhausts the vital powers, nor confines to any unpleasant degree.

For the proper physical exercise, walking in the room and exercising with dumb-bells, single or double, gives the free and healthy circulation of the blood, and especially assist digestion.

The diet requires strict attention. A nutritious, and easily digested diet is necessary to assist in making good blood.

Every one acquires a knowledge by experience, what does and what does not agree with them.

Avoid all substances that are sour, heavy, on the stomach, and seem to disagree with it, as all such articles by experience demonstrates are right and proper.

I fully believe that nearly all consumptives, who take my medicines according to the directions, and practice strictly the above diet and regimen, will get well, as thousands have done, who have given up and cared of themselves, and need only Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Seaweed Tonic, and Mandrake Pills.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Thursday Morning, March 6, 1873.

The Omaha express train which left this city Tuesday morning was wrecked by a broken rail at Chelsea, Iowa. All the cars were thrown from the track, and several passengers, none of whom belong to this city, severely hurt.

It is said that Foster was reprieved in order that Gov. Dix might gain time to consult the Judges of the Court of Appeals, although they have already fully reviewed Foster's case, and decided that nothing in the evidence or the conviction calls for a new trial to disturb the sentence of death.

Senator Pomeroy's case comes before the Kansas Legislature to-day, on the majority and minority reports of the Committee appointed to investigate the bribery charged against him. It is stated that the majority will report the accusations well founded, and that a minority of three hold them not proven.

The suits of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad against the trespassing "law-abiders" are brought under the provisions of the Ku-Klux law. It is proposed that the State Treasury assume the legal expenses of the defendants in these suits. A resolution to that effect has been introduced into the Legislature, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The State Treasurer of Minnesota, William Seeger, was, some time ago, charged by a committee of the Legislature with misappropriation of the State funds, and was asked by the Legislature to resign. He has refused to do so, and has been impeached by the House. The Senate will hold an extra session to try him. His predecessor, Emil Munch—who was also his father-in-law—writes from the safe distance of St. Louis that he alone is responsible for the deficit in the Treasury.

The moral furnished by the results of the recent Congressional investigations seems to be that there is nothing criminal in cheating Government, whether National or State. Out of all the cases of fraud, corruption, and swindling which have been proven, not one has been punished. The only case which promises to meet with a penalty is that of Judge Delahay, who is to be impeached for intoxication. No material charge of fraud or corruption is made against him. We may therefore accept it, as the Congressional standard of morality, that drunkenness is a crime; fraud and corruption are not.

The last vestige of Gen. Fremont's scheme, which he presented so successfully to the French people, seems to have disappeared with the failure of the Supplementary Incorporation act of the Texas Pacific Railroad in the last Congress. The Texas Pacific Road was the successor of the Memphis & El Paso Road, and the failure to secure legislation again will be pretty apt to put a quietus to the whole enterprise. In the meantime, the Paris suit will be looked forward to with considerable interest. It is announced that Gen. Fremont's anxiety to be present is defeated because he has not time to reach there by the day set for trial.

The local managers of National politics are all at Washington City, attending the redistribution of the Federal offices in this locality. The latest bulletin removes Mr. Judd from the office of Collector of Customs, and Mr. Blakely from that of Pension Agent. The office of Assessor of Internal Revenue is to be consolidated with that of Collector. There is nothing said about the removal of the Marshal or Mr. Irwin, and it is possible they are to be retained. The struggle over the minor places is represented as warm, Mr. Ham turning up again as a candidate, this time for the office of Pension Agent.

About 600 of the farmers of Knox County met in convention at Galesburg, yesterday. A club was formed, and several speeches were delivered upon the conduct of the railroads towards the farmers. One of the speakers recommended that the club should appoint a purchasing agent, through whom their supplies could be bought at a great saving upon the prices they are now compelled to pay middle-men. Another gentleman mentioned, as an instance of the discriminations of the railroads, that the farmers of Kewanee were charged 21 cents a bushel for the transportation of their corn to Chicago, while from Peoria to Chicago only 15 cents were charged.

The President has given notice, in his inaugural, that, while he holds his "present office," he will not recommend any proposition looking to the acquisition of foreign territory, unless the same have the previous support of the people. The country will accept this announcement with great satisfaction. There may be those who will not understand what the President means when he limits this promise to the term of his "present office." What other office does he anticipate holding, in which he will be free to advocate the acquisition of foreign territory? Is it to be civil or military? The term for which the President has been elected is four years, and the country will rest in peace, at least for that term, under the assurance that there will be no foreign territory purchased or seized without the previous sanction or direction of the people.

In their second biennial report, the Commissioners of Public Charities state that there are now thirteen public institutions in this State of a correctional, educational, and charitable character. Since 1869, these institutions, excepting the Penitentiary, have cost the State $5,062,-203.73. The Board recommend the appropriation of $447,000 this year to complete buildings now being erected. Other appropriations, to the amount of $725,000, are needed for new buildings. The Eye and Ear Infirmary, of Chicago, ask $28,000 for a new building, and the Board favors its appropriation. All the public institutions of the State are said to be managed with scrupulous integrity, although the system of accounts is defective.

The *Staats-Zeitung* is much concerned because, as it says, THE TRIBUNE insisted that the law should be stayed in the case of the Temperance statute and the Sunday ordinance, and now insists that the law shall be disobeyed in the interest of the "Railroad Highway-Robbers" by a non-conformance to the three-cent statute. The real concern of the *Staats-Zeitung* is, that THE TRIBUNE did not counsel the resistance to the Sunday law, and does not now sanction the occasional attacks that have been made on railroad conductors to force their acceptance of three cents a mile, after the courts have decided that the Legislature had no authority to fix this arbitrary rate. The *Staats-Zeitung* will have constant cause for complaint if it waits for THE TRIBUNE to advise the farmers, or any other class of people, to make violent resistance to established laws.

One of the reasons given by Mr. Butler for the bill increasing the pay of members of Congress was, that hereafter there are to be no subsidies voted by Congress, either in the shape of money, bonds, or lands. The exact connection between the increase of salaries and the stoppage of subsidies is not obvious, unless, indeed, it is to be inferred that so long as subsidy measures are to be passed by Congress members can afford to live on less legal salary; and that, when subsidies are cut off, members must have an increase of pay to enable them to live. If this was Gen. Butler's thought, it has a dishonorable implication in it. The man who will accept money for voting for subsidies will do so, no matter what his salary may be, and we do not believe that the addition of $2,500 a year to his pay will make the man honest who otherwise would not be so.

Not a single bill containing a subsidy or land-grant of any description passed during the late session of Congress. This may be regarded as the legitimate result of the Credit Mobilier investigation. Though Congress demeaned itself by whitewashing everybody that had been concerned in the disreputable operations of the Credit Mobilier steal, here is a palpable acknowledgement of the evils which are sure to follow any Government subsidies, and a confession that the interests of the people had been outraged to the last limit by bartering off the public lands and the public moneys for the benefit of Congressmen and lobbyists. Even the plausible shape in which the Agricultural College job appeared did not enable it to reach a successful conclusion. It was thoroughly sifted by the press and found to mean nothing more nor less than giving away about $74,000,000 of the people's money, adding that sum to the taxes for the support of useless institutions, and dividing among a class of men who have failed to earn their living without Government support. Both Houses had virtually indorsed the job, but, when it came to the last, neither dared to take the responsibility for its passage, and it failed in the proposition for a conference.

A member of the British Parliament, Samuel Plimsoll, has just published a work entitled "Our Seamen," which makes a study of the causes of shipwreck, and at the same time makes some very extraordinary developments. He proves in his work that there are many hundreds of lives lost annually by shipwreck, and, as to the far greater part of them, they are lost from causes which are easily preventible. He says: "A great number of ships are regularly sent to sea in such rotten and otherwise ill-provided state that they can only reach their destination through fine weather, and a large number are so overloaded that it is nearly impossible for them ever to reach their destination if the voyage is at all rough," and "that from these two causes alone (and they applied only to one portion of our merchant ships), rather more than a full half of our losses arise." The author of the work, who has never been able to get this systematic murder of seamen before Parliament, on account of the strength of the shipping interests, has at last accomplished his purpose by bringing it before the country in book-form. The indignation of the people and press has at last compelled Parliament to take some action, and a Royal Commission is about to be appointed to investigate the charges.

In commenting upon the Russian movement in Asia, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Independence Belge* brings out a fact which has not before figured in the complications of the Eastern question. It claims that Russia has no other object, in her Asiatic expeditions, than to protect her subjects from brigandage, and that the really dangerous movement is among the adherents of Islam, particularly in Asia. The correspondent says: "This movement extends from Constantinople to the Indies, and even as far as China, the western portion of which forms a great Mussulman empire, under Sultan Suleiman. This empire is menacing the existence of the Celestial Empire. The Mongolians, the Tartars, and other Mahometan tribes composing this empire, are the sworn enemies of the Chinese. This movement has its ramifications in India, and England knows well how terrible are the revolts of the Hindoos. Against this common danger, not only a good understanding, but even an alliance between Russia and England, would appear to be the best and only remedy. I mean an offensive and defensive alliance, binding Russia to assist England in case of an insurrection in India, and also binding England to assist Russia in case of a rising of the Mahometans in Central Asia."

The Chicago produce markets were moderately active yesterday, with few changes in prices, except in provisions. Mess pork was buoyant, advancing 40@50c per brl, under an urgent demand, and closed at $14.25@14.30 cash, and $14.35@14.40 seller April. Lard was quiet, and 5c per 100 lbs higher, at $7.85@7.87½ cash, and $8.00@8.05 seller April. Meats were quiet and stronger, at 4¾@4¾c for shoulders; 6¾@7c for short ribs, and 7½@7¾c for short clear. Dressed hogs were 10@15c per 100 lbs higher, at $5.70@5.80 for choice. Highwines were firm and ½c higher, at 87@87½c per gallon. Lake freights were nominally steady, at 13c for corn to Buffalo. Flour was steady and more active. Wheat was more active, with little change—closing firm at $1.21¾ cash, and $1.22¾ seller April. Corn was active and firm at ½c decline, closing strong at 31⅝c seller the month, and 32½c seller April. Oats were in fair demand, and steady at 26½c seller the month, and 26½@26⅝c seller April. Rye was quiet, and firm at 64½@65c. Barley was more active, and 1c higher, at 72@72½c seller the month, and 73c seller April. There was fair activity in the live hog market, and prices were steady at $4.40@5.00 for common to extra. Cattle were in active demand at full prices. Sheep were in better request, and mutton grades commanded an advance of 25c per 100 lbs.

The English Consul at Bordeaux has just made a report on the trade of Bordeaux for 1871, which is of special interest to wine-consumers. He estimates that in ordinary good years the department produces 1,250,000 fifty-gallon casks of red and white wine, exporting about one-half of that quantity. Like other crops, vintages vary considerably from year to year in quality and quantity, Chateau Lafitte, for instance, having ranged from £70 per cask to £6 in a bad year. The price of the first-class of classed wines, which is now ready for sale but not for consumption, he fixes at £15 per cask for red, and £21 for white. He also states that there is perhaps no wine in the world that for richness of flavor and fullness of aroma can be compared with the Chateau Yquem of 1861, and that those who desire to secure the claret of 1868, a year that has not been equaled since 1848, should send on their orders soon. Another fact which Mr. Hunt states is not so pleasant for wine-consumers. He says, of the red wines annually made at Bordeaux, estimated at 1,000,000 casks, one-fiftieth part only is from classed vineyards. The remainder consists of about 12 per cent of good table wine, 20 per cent of medium, and 66 per cent of low quality unclassed. As he has stated before that only one-half of the vintage is exported, this would leave but 10,000 casks of first-class wine to supply consumers out of France per annum.

The fourth annual report of the State Bureau of Statistics of Labor in Massachusetts contains many interesting facts relative to the condition of the laboring classes in that State. The classification of wage-laborers shows, under the class of agriculture, males, 32,855; females, 81; under professional and personal service, including clerks, laborers, sailors, &c., males, 52,847; females, 1,646; under manufactories, mechanics, and mining industries, males, 216,-256; females, 70,861. The total wages paid in the industrial and mechanical employments was $117,785,691; average wages of males per day, $2.42; females, $1.07; youth and children, 68 cents. The average yearly expense of a family of about five persons is $697.71. One of the most interesting features of the report is the information furnished relative to savings banks. The tables show that the number of deposits during the past year was 500,515, the deposits amounting to an average of $84.84 to each depositor; that of 35,603 depositors in 36 banks, 25,000 are wage-laborers; that in 96 banks, 178,495 deposits were made of $50 and under; and that 72,203 deposits were made between $50 and $300. The report strongly condemns the employment of children of tender years, from 10 to 12 years of age, as barbarous, and also argues for a still further reduction of the hours of labor, in which connection a return from one of the largest manufacturing corporation of Lowell shows a reduction in time of 18.06 per cent,—a gain of 20 per cent, and an increase in wages of men of 49 cents per day, and women 39 cents.

Mr. James Brooks wrote to the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad, who held their annual meeting at Boston yesterday, that he had sold his stock purposely to disqualify himself from election to the Board of Directors. Since Congress, by its recent action, had declared that a member could not vote when his self-interest was concerned, he had determined to free himself in this way, so that in the next Congress, of which he is a member, he might vote and speak on all questions without suspicion of improper motives. Mr. Brooks is careful to deprive himself of any credit for this resolve by petulantly basing it upon the decision of Congress instead of his own sense of official honor, and by utterly perverting the real bearing of this decision of Congress. He says it would prevent members from voting on the tariff with even a coat on their backs, because they were affected by the taxes, and suggests that the House be recruited hereafter from the almshouses of the country, as paupers may be supposed to be free from interests of any kind, and likely to vote with no selfish bias. With all his flippancy, Mr. Brooks knows well enough that he was censured not because like all good citizens, whether Congressmen or not, he had interests involved in the general interests, and, with them, affected by legislation but because, instead of using his official position to ameliorate all, including his own, he prostituted it to separate and antagonize his personal and his public interests, and became, when elected to represent the people, he chose to represent himself, and, as Representative Brooks, to vote money to Citizen Brooks out of the pockets of his constituents.

WHAT CONGRESS HAS NOT DONE.

The session of Congress that has just ended is as remarkable for what it has failed to do as for what it has done. The useful legislation that it has provided may be summed up in a paragraph; the legislation which it has defeated or ignored, and the important conclusions it has reached after three months' deliberations, furnish material for a quarter of a year's issue of the *Congressional Globe*. The repeal of the franking privilege, the bill to carry into effect the Treaty of Washington relating to fisheries, the reduction of postage, the reduction of the internal revenue force by dropping the Assessors, and the bill authorizing a suit against Union Pacific, comprise the principal measures of importance which Congress has provided.

The most disastrous of the many failures which Congress has made is to be found, of course, in its treatment of the Credit Mobilier scandal. On the very first day of the session, Speaker Blaine left the chair and moved that a special committee be appointed to examine the merits of certain charges which had been made in the public press, to the effect that a number of Congressmen had been bribed by shares of Credit Mobilier stock. The Poland Committee was then created, and, from that time on, the interest of Congress was centered upon the investigation. As the result has proved, the great question was, "How not to do it." So absorbing were the developments of this "campaign canard." that both the Senate and the House gave themselves up to waiting for what should come next, and neglected the business for which they assembled. The investigation dragged its slow length along until it seemed likely that no report would be made. Statements were given only to be contradicted, revised, and amended. The most important witnesses could not be secured at all. Sergeants-at-Arms were sent trapesing through the country on wild-goose chases. Mr. Oakes Ames' memorandum-book was forthcoming only at his good leisure, and was submitted in parts to suit its proprietor's convenience. Finally, a report was made, toward the closing days of the session, which was instantly voted by the people to be utterly impotent, incomplete, and unsatisfactory. Then it was that Congressmen began a system of skirmishing, with the purpose of depriving the conclusions of the Committee of what little force they had. The vote was taken at last, and the final result was a disgrace put upon the people, and a shameful blot fixed upon the National integrity. The great bulk of the time, attention, and ability of this last Congress has thus been concentrated in the effort not to expel Ames, Brooks, or anybody else, not to censure the men who were convicted of having taken Credit Mobilier stock, not to condemn or denounce the practice of using places of trust to defraud the Government, and not to rebuke the glaring corruption that has been traced to members of both Houses.

The chronicle of what Congress has not done is swelled by the results of the other investigations to which it has devoted its attention. One committee, holding over from a former session, occupied all of its time in discovering how Mr. Clayton might be found not guilty. Another had the subject of Mr. Caldwell's buying his seat in the Senate, but took so much testimony that it was found necessary to report this gentleman's guilt. The Senate, however, grappled with the difficulty successfully by not taking any action on the report. Still another committee was charged with investigating Mr. Pomeroy's donation of $7,000 to the Independence National Bank, and found Mr. Pomeroy not guilty. Judge Sherman and Judge Durell were under investigation, but the result was not to report articles of impeachment against them, though the guilt of both was established to the satisfaction of the people. The case of Mr. Colfax was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which concluded not to impeach the retiring Vice-President. The Senate had a Credit Mobilier Committee of its own, which agreed unanimously to report Patterson's expulsion. But the Senate was true to the Congressional rule established for the session, and resolved not to take any action on the report, in spite of a demand on all sides, even Patterson's, that the report should not be passed over in silence.

In addition to what Congress has not done in the cases of corruption that were brought up before it, must be counted the legislation which the interests of the country demanded and which Congress has not granted. Mr. Sherman, of the Finance Committee, urged the necessity for taking some action with reference to a return to specie payments, and reported a bill which had the germs of a successful plan. This bill was defeated, and Congress determined not to devote any further consideration to a matter of so much importance. A committee composed of seven Republicans reported against the Federal interference in the Louisiana elections, and pointed out the necessity for Congress to take some constitutional attitude that would settle the Louisiana troubles and prevent a recurrence of the unwarranted invasion of a State's sovereignty. This was reason enough for Congress to decide not to do it. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, pointed out to Congress, in an able manner, the urgent need for reforming the Electoral system. He described dangers, which were afterward illustrated by incidents in the counting of the Presidential vote, and insisted that so favorable a time for making the necessary changes, immediately after a Presidential election, could not be found again for many years. Congress, consequently, would not have anything to do with the matter. The call for reorganizing the diplomatic and consular system, and the customs' service, besides other measures of present importance to the welfare of the country, were not allowed to come to a decision. Thus it will be seen that all the investigations and all the projects which should have received decisive treatment were passed by in a negative manner. For these and many other things which the late Congress did not do, it voted an increase of salaries for its members, to take effect two years back. The only positive thing it did of any great consequence, then, was to authorize a robbery of the Treasury for its own immediate benefit, and in compensation for what it failed to accomplish.

THE PRESIDENT'S VINDICATION.

The second inaugural address of the President was not a success, either in the choice of subjects or in the manner in which they were discussed. The President's reference to himself betrayed unusual weakness. In declaring that the vote of the people at the last election was a sufficient defense of himself against what he calls "abuse and slander scarcely ever equaled in political history," the President must have had a painful remembrance of what had been said of him, and a great dread that the public had been impressed unfavorably, else he would not have ventured to claim the last election as a vindication of himself, or of his policy, or of anything. He must have known that the vote at that election, instead of being a vindication of him, was, if it had any personal significance, a silent protest of a great majority of the nation against him and his advisers and immediate followers. That the President must have felt that his assumption that the verdict of the election was a vindication of himself was not true in point of fact, and that the people before him knew it was untrue, is shown by his having made another, and, under the circumstances, extraordinary vindication of himself. Notwithstanding he asserts that his re-election was an ample vindication, he shows a want of faith in his own statement by giving an account of his services from the "eventful firing upon Fort Sumter" to the present day. This being, perhaps, the first time in the history of the country that a President has made a personal defense of himself in his inaugural address, it is to be presumed that it is the first time a President has felt that such a defense was necessary. Had the President considered his own review of his long public services a sufficient vindication from what he calls "slanders," he would not have claimed that the election had vindicated him, and his resort to both the "verdict" and his record shows that he did not consider either sufficient. His declaration that he feels he can "disregard" what has been said of him is negatived by the anxiety he displays in his address to claim, and have everybody understand, that he has been acquitted—vindicated.

COLFAX AND NESBITT.

When Mr. Schuyler Colfax found it necessary to tell that he had received $1,000 from a Mr. Nesbitt, with whom he had a slight acquaintance, and at a still later day remembered that he had received $4,000 from the same person, he was interrogated as to his relations with Nesbitt, and said:

I have no recollection of Nesbitt obtaining the envelope contract while I was Chairman of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads. I had no connection with it; it was a contract given to the lowest bidder. He never spoke to me in 1868, or in any year preceding 1868, or up to the day of his death, in reference to a post-office contract. He never asked me to do anything, directly or indirectly, in regard to it at any time.

Previous to being Speaker, Mr. Colfax was Chairman of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and Mr. Nesbitt was a contractor for furnishing stamped envelopes. Nesbitt's contract run out, but was from time to time renewed without any competing bids being asked. Postmaster-General Creswell dismissed Zerely, the officer who had been in charge of the Contract-Office, and the new officer refused to renew Nesbitt's contract. The Attorney-General decided it could not be done. Zerely wrote an argument in favor of Nesbitt, and Colfax wrote a letter inclosing this argument to the Postmaster-General, and strongly indorsed Nesbitt, as a friend whom he had long known, and, of course, urging the extension of the contract. Of all this Mr. Colfax has no recollection when before the Committee; on the contrary, denied it on oath.

PROTECTION FROM THE PRESS.

Several members of Congress, and especially Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, opposed the discontinuance of Congressional bookmaking and publishing, on the ground that such publications are absolutely necessary to protect the reputations of public men from destruction by the press. It was argued that the independent newspapers of the country had it in their power to control public opinion, and that, unless there was an official publication to counteract them, that public opinion would overwhelm Congress. It will be noted that, in all the discussions on this subject, nobody seemed to pay the slightest regard to the influence of the party newspaper press. A Republican Senator, speaking on the subject, named half a dozen independent journals, and claimed that, unless their influence was offset by an official publication, they could destroy the reputations of every public man. No one of these gentlemen seemed to value the defense by the thousands of party organs as of the least concern, nor that such organs had the slightest control over the popular judgment. The only newspapers dreaded were those who habitually speak of men and measures without reference to their party affiliations, and who expose and brand fraud and corruption without inquiring whether it will hurt "the party" or destroy a party candidate.

The value of an official record depends upon its truthfulness and its justice. When a committee of Congress endeavors to hide corruption or stifle investigation because the persons implicated are high in party councils, then such reports fail to win public confidence; and, when such reports become the rule, then public confidence in all such official publications is lost, and the people look to the newspapers for the truth. The report of the Poland Committee, and of the Committee in Pomeroy's case, are examples of this kind. It is not believed that the Poland Committee did more than skim the surface of the great corruption; and the report of the Committee in the Pomeroy case has not even that merit. The people have looked to the independent press—those papers that publish the whole truth, and screen no person—for information, and, having the truth before them, make up their own judgment. The expectation of counteracting the influence of the independent press, by official publications made to order, is an idle one. The whole power of the press depends on its truth and fairness. To the extent that it swerves from the plain truth, to that extent it becomes partisan, and sinks to the level of the mere party organ, or the whitewashing report of a partisan committee of either House of Congress. The lesson taught by the success and power of the newspaper press is that the truth, and the whole truth, will alone command public confidence, and the open acknowledgment that the mere party press is valueless to defend the reputations of public men is a tribute, however unwillingly made, to the ever-ruling power of truth, when fearlessly told.

OFFICIAL TROUBLE IN NEBRASKA.

There is a remarkable official scandal just now developed at Omaha. It appears that the Auditor of State, Mr. Gillespie, had charge of a fund known as the "fugitive from justice fund," and that certain payments from that fund amounting to $2,600 were regarded as suspicious. A committee of the Legislature was appointed to examine into the matter, when Mr. Gillespie made an astounding revelation. He states that on the 17th of April, 1871, the State Insane Asylum building at Lincoln was burned down, and on the same night the convicts escaped from the State Penitentiary. The Governor of the State offered a reward of $1,000 for the capture of the escaped convicts, but, owing to some unexplained indifference, could not be induced to take any action to investigate the burning of the Asylum. Mr. Gillespie personally investigated the facts of the fire, and became satisfied that it was the work of an incendiary, and that the building had been fired by some person within it. He put himself in communication with the Chief of Police at Omaha, to get a detective to hunt up evidence of the crime. After long delays it was finally concluded to employ a female detective from St. Louis. This person, after being a short time at Omaha, was taken sick, and remained so for some months; at a subsequent period, she was again prostrated with sickness. This illness postponed the investigation, and it was not until September, 1872, that he came in possession of all the facts, and the names of all the persons connected with the crime. These facts are stated to be: 1. That the building was so badly built, and was such a fraud, that, after first tying it with rods and bolts to keep the south walls from falling down, and finding this would not do, it was set on fire and burned down. 2. The first arrangement to fire the building failed. 3. Three of the insane inmates were burned to death. 4. Much of the furniture saved from the building is now in the hands of a citizen. 5. The building was burned to get rid of it,—the person firing it making money by the transaction. He professes that in a very short time he will be able to furnish the proofs of all this, and have the guilty parties arrested. He states that he used the fund to pay all the expenses of this investigation, and intended to lay all the facts and evidence before the Legislature when completed. The Committee of the Legislature find that the money was illegally expended, and advise that suit be brought against the Auditor for the same. In the meantime, Nebraska has a sensation over the forthcoming disclosure of the names of the accused persons.

POSTAGE RATES.

The report recently made by Mr. Farnsworth to the House of Representatives, upon rates of postage, contains a history of the reduction of postage in this country which is not generally known. The first Postage act was passed in 1792, and introduced a highly-complicated system. The lowest postage was 6 cents to places within 30 miles, and from this it increased in regular proportion according to distance, until it reached 25 cents to places more than 450 miles distant. In 1816, the lowest rate was changed to 8 cents, and the lowest distance to 40 miles. The 9 rates were reduced to 6, and 25 cents were charged for distances over 500 miles. In 1816, the minimum rates came down to 6 cents and distance to 30 miles. Five rates were made instead of 6, and the maximum was 25 cents for over 400 miles. These rates, with one exception, when they were increased, continued until 1845. In that year, the half-ounce weight was made the standard, and 5 and 10 cents the rates. In 1851, the single rate was made 3 cents for all distances under 3,000 miles, and 10 cents charged for greater distances. In 1863, the present rate of 3 cents, prepaid by stamp, for all distances, was established. The present bill reduces letter-postage to 2 cents, and is accompanied by a reduction of one-half on the postage of newspapers regularly mailed by publishers. The Boston *Journal* makes the following estimate of the effect of the present reduction:

During the last year there were sold 404,500,000 3-cent stamps, and 93,000,000 3-cent envelopes. As double rates are most always paid by additional stamps of this denomination, and as foreign postage is very frequently paid with two or more 3-cent stamps, we may take 500,000,000, the value of 500,000,000 3-cent stamps, as the sum to be effected primarily by the new reduction. Were the number sold to be stationary, the consequence would be a loss to the revenue of one-third of this sum—in other words, a loss of $5,000,000. As a matter of fact, however, the natural increase in the number of letters is about 10 per cent annually, and this would make the number of 3-cent stamps, substituted for threes, for the year ending June 30, 600,000,000, with a value of $20,000,000, and reducing the loss to $3,000,000.

There is no doubt of the correctness of the *Journal's* figuring. Experience has shown, in every instance, that a reduction of postage has been followed by an increase of letter-writing, so that there is every probability that the revenue from the sale of stamps and stamped envelopes will suffer little, if any, reduction.

The business of the railroads in Great Britain in the year 1872 show the following results, the figures being reduced to Federal money:

Authorized capital	$2,980,118,147
Paid up capital	2,674,971,717
Length of line open to travel, 15,376 miles.	
Number of passengers carried—	
First class	38,642,153
Second class	81,021,949
Third class	255,593,615
Total	375,220,754
NOTE—187,993 season tickets and passes are not included in these figures.	
Receipts from passengers—	
First class	$20,076,842.73
Second class	31,060,864.49
Third class	39,278,071.31
Total	$90,415,783.48
Receipts from mails, express matter, etc., on passenger trains	$11,545,949.58
General merchandise carried, tons	82,636,004
Minerals of all kinds carried, tons	116,754,104
Total freight receipts	$136,897,768.60
Total receipts	$238,788,001.16
From passengers, 62.18 per cent.	
From freight, 57.32 per cent.	
Total expenses	$115,059,943
Net receipts	126,728,758
Or, equal to $5.37 per cent. Net receipts, equaling 4.7 per cent upon paid-up capital.	
Number of miles run by trains—	
Passenger	80,980,975 miles
Freight	89,079,819 miles
Rolling stock—	
Engines	10,490
Passenger carriages	22,272
Freight and baggage cars	299,164
Accidents—	
Killed from causes beyond their own control	12
Injured from causes beyond their own control	845
Killed from misconduct or want of common caution	45
Injured from misconduct or want of common caution	61

Judge Kingman, Associated Justice of the United States Court in Wyoming Territory, writes to a gentleman in Brooklyn for the purpose of correcting a newspaper item that has been going the rounds, to the effect that two-thirds of the suits decided by the female Justices of the Peace in Wyoming are appealed and the verdicts set aside. Judge Kingman says that out of a large number of cases tried by female Justices only two have been appealed, both of which were sustained by the Appellate Court, and judgment ordered in accordance with the decision below. This report will be regarded as quite a triumph by the female politicians, but it must be accepted with some modification. Women are scarce in Wyoming, as they are in all pioneering communities. The scarcity of women contributes very materially to their influence, political and otherwise. Mr. Bret Harte's sketches of frontier life have taught us that, in such a condition of things, the women even of the outcast class are accorded a respect almost akin to veneration. Honest women must be fairly worshiped. The judgment of a Justice of the Peace, therefore, has additional weight when that Justice of the Peace is a woman, and we can easily conceive that it should appal even an Appellate Court. Female judgment, whether of a judicial character or otherwise, is apt to have greater worth in Wyoming than it would possess in communities where the fair sex is more numerous.

NOTES AND OPINION.

—The late Treasurer of Nevada, E. Rhoades, a Republican, proves to have been a defaulter; and the same Republican Legislature which elected John P. Jones to the United States Senate, has passed an act, over the Democratic Governor's veto, relieving Rhoades' bondsmen from all liability.

—The Rochester (N. Y.) *Democrat* thinks the general public has lost more than the railroad ever did, by those Union Pacific free passes to Congressmen, now, by order of Horace F. Clark, no longer good.

The New York *Sun* propounds this original conundrum: "Will the Senate dare to admit as a member John J. Patterson, claiming to represent South Carolina?" Give it up. Ask us an easy one.

—The Cincinnati *Commercial* says of the unearned dividends of Congressmen:

Job Stevenson can draw his $5,000 in a chunk and devote it to good works, but the divide between Perry and Dodds may be difficult. The question is whether Perry is entitled to extra pay until the day of his resignation, or whether the whole of his extra compensation belongs to Dodds. As Ben Butler remarked, in the course of the debate in the House, any gentleman so disposed can refuse to take the money.

—The late session of the Nebraska Legislature (Republican to the core) voted away more than $600,000, or nearly $5 to each inhabitant. The editor of the Omaha *Republican*, writing from the State Capital, says:

I have been trying to call to mind the measures acted upon, and the laws enacted during the session, of common interest to the whole people. What answer? Echo answers, "What are they?" Too much valuable time has been spent on special legislation. Laws that ought to have been on the statute books have been repealed. This much good has been done. The fact that but two or three bills looking towards relieving our depleted State Treasury are the only bills of general importance to all is a melancholy commentary on self-government.

—Malicious people assert, probably without reason, that there is some mysterious connection between the manipulation of the General Court of Massachusetts by Mr. Sanborn in behalf of Secretary Boutwell for United States Senator, and the fat contract which the Secretary awarded some time ago to Mr. Sanborn for the collection of the unpaid revenues from legacies and successions. How this world is given to scandal!—*New York Tribune.*

—Senator Pomeroy's defense on the York charge has every badge of

THE STATE CAPITAL.

House Proposition to Defend the Alleged Railroad Trespassers.

The Chicago City Tax Collection Bill Passed in the House.

The Minority-Representation Question Discussed in the Senate.

West Side Park Bill---Proposed Modifications.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE RAILROAD SUITS.

SPRINGFIELD, March 5.—Mr. Cassidy, of McLean, offered a series of resolutions, setting forth that a number of his constituents had been sued by the Chicago & Alton Railroad in the United States Court, for trespass, in refusing to pay the fare demanded by the road, instructing the Attorney-General to defend the suits, and providing that the expenses of the defense should be borne by the State. He was of opinion that the State, by making the laws, had drawn his constituents into trouble, and should defend them when in this road, which defied the State, the law, and the people, proposed "to jerk them through the United States Courts." He desired the sense of the House upon the subject, and wanted every man to vote for the resolutions who was in favor of the people against the railroads. Mr. Kann moved to refer to the Railroad Committee. The motion to refer was lost. Mr. Jones remarked that the House was a deliberative body, which should not base its action on mere newspaper rumor. He requested that the House do not act as a town meeting; that the resolution was probably drafted in an excited community, unless the gentleman drew it himself. Did they propose to appropriate money by resolution? If it passed, similar occurrences would take place all over the country, and the Attorney General would have his hands full defending suits. He moved to refer to the Judiciary. Mr. Cassidy did not think the gentleman charged with trespass took the law into their own hands. The resolution was not written in an excited community, unless Springfield was an excited community. Having got the people into a scrape, the State should stand by them and get them out of it. He did not see the necessity of reference. Mr. Savage was opposed to reference to any committee. The suits were brought either out of malice or to test the constitutionality of the law. In either case the State should bear the expense of the defense. These alleged trespasses were obeying the law, which was the law of the land until it was pronounced unconstitutional. The House was as well prepared to vote then as at any other time. Mr. Streetor, of Mercer, believed the railroad company violated the law in demanding more than 3 cents a mile, and the alleged trespassers were law-abiding. Mr. Wicker believed it was the duty of the Railroad Commissioners to take charge of the matter, and he moved to refer to that body, with instructions to see the law was enforced. Mr. Hay believed the State having made a law, common justice demanded the means of defense and indemnification should be afforded citizens who became involved in legal disputes with the railroads. The resolution provided for the defense of the alleged trespassers, but he doubted the propriety of passing general resolutions, which would raise false expectations in the minds of the people. He believed a bill should be prepared by a committee and meet the whole question, and then some supervision should be had over these and similar suits. Mr. Oberly believed the reference was equivalent to consigning it to the "tomb of all the Capulets." The Railroad Committee was regarded with suspicion, by gentlemen on both sides of the House, and the Judiciary was composed of conservative lawyers, opposed to revolution, and this was a revolutionary resolution, which would arouse fears, and if otherwise dealt with would have driven between the people and their rights. If they examined the antecedents of gentlemen who favored reference, they would find that they were in sympathy with corporations. Mr. Armstrong, of LaSalle, moved to amend the motion to refer so the Judiciary, by instructing the Committee to prepare a bill covering the ground. That would accomplish something. The passage of the resolutions would be beating the air. He was in favor of some such resolution, but wanted some head to it. The amendment was accepted. Mr. Morrison objected to having the motives of gentlemen impugned. He was of opinion that the gentleman from Alexander (Oberly) could not name anybody. His experience was that men who introduced ultra measures were of more service to monopolies than moderate men. He regarded the resolutions as a premium on revolvers, lawlessness, and mob-law. He thought those trespassers were violating the law. Mr. Dunham agreed with the Chairman of the Judiciary (Hay) in reference, and he wished the gentleman from Alexander (Oberly), and every other gentleman on that floor, to understand that he could not be drawn over the left shoulder of any man saying if he voted one way for the other he was for or against the people. He repelled with indignation the aspersions cast upon the Judiciary Committee, who were as honest as any other. It was wrong for one man to get up and say Mr. Hay's neighbor. They should discuss propositions on their merits. He was in favor of sustaining the men who were entrapped by the law, but if he was not in favor of a resolution with no virtue in it. Mr. Swan deprecated haste, which spoiled the act passed by the last legislature which the Supreme Court pronounced unconstitutional. Men were going round the country, like demagogues, exciting the people, so as to hurry the General Assembly and ruin future legislation, as they did in the past. The resolution should be referred for deliberation. The resolution was referred, with instructions to report a bill immediately.

NO WAREHOUSE LEGISLATION.

It looked as gloomy for warehouse legislation this session. There has been no meetings of the Committee since the Board of Trade gentlemen were here. Each Chairman seems to be waiting for the other to call a joint meetings and what becomes of the business of both is attended to by neither. Such is the present condition of affairs.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COURTS.

The Judicial Department Committee have decided to report against the system of District Courts, and in favor of repealing the extended jurisdiction of County Courts.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

Minority representation came up in the Senate as the special order. At 11 o'clock, when Mr. Steele read a carefully prepared oration against the system. He contained nothing essentially new, but was listened to as a well-written, sensible, and highly polished rhetoric. The subject was again postponed for a week, to give Mr. Cummings an opportunity of gaining himself of a speech on the other side. How many more will show off on the topic is hard to tell, but the discussion, while it can do no harm except waste time, is healthy.

CHICAGO TAXES.

The bill prepared by the city authorities passed the House to-day by a vote of 110 to 3. It will probably go through the Senate without difficulty.

WEST SIDE PARK BILL.

President Stanford, of the West Side Park Board, is here looking after the Park bill. Finding it could not get through with all its original wickedness, he has prepared a long list of amendments. He has succeeded in getting several important ones now to amend Sec. 2, the sewer section, by tacking on a provision that "no improvement or sewer shall be constructed except upon the petition of the owners of a majority of the land fronting on the proposed improvement." Then comes the sewer section, providing for the assessment by the front foot, which is amended to such a way that the Trustees to levy the tax as they please. Sec. 10 is amended by striking out all relative to anticipating taxes, but leaves the extension of the time for paying the assessment to the Board to pay 8 per cent interest. Sec. 11 is to be amended so that the money shall be paid by the contractor entitled to it, on the order of the Park Commissioners, as he leaves the money as long as he pleases in the possession of the village. The Board will adopt the mode of collecting assessments and the following in-

[illegible] assessments made by Assessment Court upon the application of [illegible] Commissioners, shall, for [illegible] in whole or in part, such [illegible] any time within five years [illegible] of such assessment or assessments, file a petition in the County Court of their county, setting forth briefly the nature of the improvement or purpose for which such assessment or assessments were made, and the total cost of such improvement, the gross amount of such assessment or assessments, a description of the real estate, lots, or parcels of land upon which such assessment or assessments remain unpaid, the amount as assessed against each piece or parcel of land so remaining unpaid, the date of confirmation of such assessment or assessments, and the name or names of the person or persons filing objections for the sale or forfeiture of land at the time of such confirmation, or at any other time during the proceedings had to collect such assessment or assessments, if known to such Commissioners, and the names of persons who are interested in such lots or parcels of land, as purchasers or otherwise, as shown by the records of the county or by an abstract of such records, praying the Court to summon such person or persons into court, to answer such petition, and to receive, stand by, and abide such order as the court shall make in the premises: *Provided*, That any failure to procure the names of all the persons interested in such lots shall not hinder or delay the proceedings hereby authorized against those who are made parties. Upon filing such petition, the Clerk shall issue a summons directed to the Sheriff of the county where such person or persons, or any or either of them, shall reside or be found, which shall be served in the same manner as writs in chancery, and in case any such person or persons so named in such summons cannot be found, or reside out of this State, or shall absent himself or herself from the same, so that summons cannot be served, it shall be lawful, upon filing an affidavit of such fact, to cause notice to such person or persons to be published and served as in chancery proceedings, which notice shall be held and construed in all courts and proceedings as sufficient service upon such person or persons. The hearing of such petition, and the determining of the matters therein alleged, shall have and take precedence over all other cases upon the dockets of such court; and such court shall at once (unless good cause for delay be shown) proceed to hear and determine the allegations in such petition contained. The said Commissioners may introduce any evidence which shall tend to establish the allegations in such petition contained: *Provided*, That the original or certified copy of the original assessment roll, or so much thereof as refers to the special assessment sought to be recovered, shall be prima facie evidence of the right of such petitioners to judgment according to the prayer of such petition. If either party shall demand that the matters in such petition shall be tried by a jury, the Court shall order a jury to be empanneled as in cases at law, and such jury, under the direction of the Court, or, in case neither party shall demand a jury, the Court shall hear such proofs and witnesses as the respective parties may offer, and shall determine all questions of fact which shall be involved in the proceedings, and may upon such trial ascertain and find the sum or amount which each piece or parcel of land upon which such assessment or assessments remains unpaid, ought fairly and equitably to be assessed, having regard to the proportion of special benefits resulting to each separate piece or parcel of land benefited, after deducting the payments, if any, which shall have been made upon the several lots and parcels of land: *Provided*, That in no assessment or proceeding under any of the provisions of this act, shall the amount of any assessment upon any lot or piece of land exceed the amount of special benefits resulting to each piece or lot of land. Upon such finding the Court shall enter an order or decree declaring the amount so found to be a valid lien and assessment upon such lots or parcels of land. Such order or decree shall be conclusive evidence of the regularity of all previous proceedings necessary to the validity thereof, and all matters therein recited as having been heard and adjudged by said Court.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of such Court to make out of such order or decree, properly certified, and file the same in the office of the County Clerk of such county, and it shall be the duty of the County Clerk of such county, in the next warrant thereafter issued for the collection of State and county taxes in the town in which the property against which said assessments remain unpaid, the amount as assessed against each piece or parcel of land so remaining unpaid, the date of confirmation of such assessment or assessments, and the name or names of the person or persons filing objections for the sale or forfeiture of land at the time of such confirmation, or at any other time during the proceedings had to collect such assessment or assessments, if known to such Commissioners, and the names of persons who are interested in such lots or parcels of land, as purchasers or otherwise, as shown by the records of the county or by an abstract of such records, praying the Court to summon such person or persons into court, to answer such petition, and to receive, stand by, and abide such order as the court shall make in the premises: *Provided*, That any failure to procure the names of all the persons interested in such lots shall not hinder or delay the proceedings hereby authorized against those who are made parties. Upon filing such petition, the Clerk shall issue a summons directed to the Sheriff of the county where such person or persons, or any or either of them, shall reside or be found, which shall be served in the same manner as writs in chancery, and in case any such person or persons so named in such summons cannot be found, or reside out of this State, or shall absent himself or herself from the same, so that summons cannot be served, it shall be lawful, upon filing an affidavit of such fact, to cause notice to such person or persons to be published and served as in chancery proceedings, which notice shall be held and construed in all courts and proceedings as sufficient service upon such person or persons. The hearing of such petition, and the determining of the matters therein alleged, shall have and take precedence over all other cases upon the dockets of such court; and such court shall at once (unless good cause for delay be shown) proceed to hear and determine the allegations in such petition contained. The said Commissioners may introduce any evidence which shall tend to establish the allegations in such petition contained: *Provided*, That the original or certified copy of the original assessment roll, or so much thereof as refers to the special assessment sought to be recovered, shall be prima facie evidence of the right of such petitioners to judgment according to the prayer of such petition. If either party shall demand that the matters in such petition shall be tried by a jury, the Court shall order a jury to be empanneled as in cases at law, and such jury, under the direction of the Court, or, in case neither party shall demand a jury, the Court shall hear such proofs and witnesses as the respective parties may offer, and shall determine all questions of fact which shall be involved in the proceedings, and may upon such trial ascertain and find the sum or amount which each piece or parcel of land upon which such assessment or assessments remains unpaid, ought fairly and equitably to be assessed, having regard to the proportion of special benefits resulting to each separate piece or parcel of land benefited, after deducting the payments, if any, which shall have been made upon the several lots and parcels of land.

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 5.

The money market presents no special features to-day. The supply of funds is fair for all legitimate purposes, but the disposition to speculate in grain, and particularly for a rise in corn, absorbs a great deal of money, and the banks have more applications of this class than they can accommodate. Exchange is still in good supply, though prices were a little firmer to-day, and New York funds were sold between banks at 75 cents per $1,000 discount.

With gold to-day at 113, and the new 5 per cent bonds at 112 in currency, the net gold value of the bonds, exclusive of accrued interest, is less than 98 cents.

THE PRESIDENT ON SPECIE RESUMPTION.

The President, in his inaugural address yesterday, not only declared his purpose to direct his efforts to "the restoration of our currency to a fixed value in gold," and, if possible, to a par with it, but in the same paragraph returns from a digression on other subjects to reiterate that his efforts will be directed to "*the* only sure method of returning to and maintaining a specie basis." His language would imply that he had some particular method, "the only sure" one, in view, though the public are left entirely in the dark as to what this "only sure method" may be. It is possible he did not mean any particular method, though his language would afford ground for the presumption that he did. Three years ago President Grant made the same declaration of purpose, and four years ago he gave it as his opinion that the way for the Government to get back to specie payments was to cut down expenses.

"*If*," said the President to the writer, four years ago, "I, as a private citizen, have a dozen horses in my stable, a dozen servants in my house, and in every way am living on an extravagant scale, while my notes are selling in the market at a heavy discount, it is obvious that my way to re-establish my credit is to get rid of part of my horses and servants, and devote of part of my horses and servants, and devote my surplus income to the payment of my debts."

Now, this has been in fact something like the plan upon which the Administration has attempted whatever it has done in the direction of specie payments, except that the surplus income has been directed to the payment of debts that are *not due*, while the debts that are due, in the shape of greenbacks, have been dishonored every day. The result is that we are as far from specie payments as we were four years ago. The restoration of the currency to a par with specie is an easier matter than politicians or even some financiers would have us believe, and had one-third of the surplus income that has been paid out for the purchase of bonds been paid out for the redemption and retirement of greenbacks, they would now be on a par with gold, and nobody would have been hurt. When, in consequence of the accumulation of gold in this country at the close of 1871 gold fell to 108, nobody was hurt, and there would have been no damage done if it had gone to par, provided it could have been kept there. It is the continued fluctuation in value that does the harm. Notwithstanding the repeated declarations of the President, the efforts of the Administration have not been directed to a restoration of the currency to a par with gold. The very latest move of the Treasury in claiming authority to issue $44,000,000 more greenbacks is in exactly the opposite direction. The new coinage law, which is framed expressly in accordance with Mr. Boutwell's views to facilitate the exportation of our increasing product of silver, is also a step in the opposite direction from specie payments. It is not at all improbable that, in view of our diminishing stock of coin in the country, the head of the Administration to encourage any measure for the redemption of greenbacks, and its encouragement of inflation measures such as this issue of $44,000,000, gold may this year rise to 120, at which it stood at the close of the year in which President Grant was first inaugurated.

THE NEW ASSISTANT TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

It is presumed that the bill to establish an Assistant Treasury of the United States at Chicago in place of the existing "Depository" went through Congress in omnibus bill in the last hours of the session, and that it will become a law. About the only change it will make in the business of the office will be to separate the Depository from the office of the Collector of Customs of the port of Chicago.

The receipts of the Depository in this city under the general heads of customs, internal revenue, public lands, etc., have increased enormously during the last two years, this being the general depository of all public revenue for all the surrounding country as far east as Detroit and as far west as the Missouri River. The magnitude of the business here may be estimated by the fact that about one-twelfth of the total revenue of the Government comes here for deposit and distribution in the payment of the current expenses of the Government. The growth of the import trade of Chicago in the last eighteen months has also contributed largely to increase the receipts of the Depository in this city. The increased facilities for direct importations in the last year have encouraged Chicago merchants to buy a larger proportion of their foreign goods in foreign markets, instead of New York jobbers' stocks, and there are now about seventy regular importing firms in this city. Heretofore the Collector of Customs of this port has been the official head of the Depository, but the change of the office into an Assistant Treasury will require the separation of the office from that of the Collector.

"THE BANK OF SAMANA."

The promoters of the Samana purchase scheme have an auxiliary project on foot for an extensive banking business, their proposed new City of Samana, but in the United States. They propose to start in San Domingo the "Bank of Samana," and to issue circulating notes redeemable in coin in the City of New York. Large capitalists in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia are said to be interested in it, and, if the bank once gets into operation, it is not improbable that its notes would circulate to a considerable extent in the Atlantic ports, and, if their credit is maintained, it is not impossible they might be made one of the means of manipulating the price of gold.

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Wednesday, March 5:

CITY PROPERTY.

Ridgeville st, n of and near McReynolds st, e f, 24 ft to alley, dated March 3; consideration, $300.

Wabash av, bet Thirtieth and Thirty-fifth sts, e f, 48 ft to alley, dated Feb. 24; consideration, $9,750.

Edgar st, e of and near Bloomingdale road, w f, Lot 33, dated Sept. 7, 1872; consideration, $550.

Mitchell st, bet Medina st and Robey av, n f, Lot 17, dated March 1; consideration, $1,000.

Union st, e of cor of Mitchell st, 100x127 ft, dated Feb. 15; consideration, $1,750.

North Wood st, n e cor of Julian st, Lot 33, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $250.

North Wells st, s w cor of Ontario st, w f, 112x110 ft, dated Nov. 26, 1872; consideration, $22,500.

West Thirteenth st, s w cor of Wood st, n f, 73x134 ft, dated Feb. 19; consideration, $2,250.

The premises No. 623 West Madison st, dated March 4; consideration, $7,500.

James av, 22½ ft west of Laurel st, s f, 23x124 95-100 ft, dated Dec. 31, 1872; consideration, $600.

Thirty-first st, n e cor of Homan av, 10 122-1000 acres, dated Feb. 28; consideration, $26,000.

Charles st, s w cor of Swift st, 5 87-1000 acres, dated Feb. 28; consideration, $13,000.

Cook st, s e cor of Swift st, 5 87-1000 acres, dated Feb. 28; consideration, $13,000.

West Taylor st, bet Centre av and Lytle st, s f, 100 ft to alley, dated March 3; consideration, $25,000.

Twenty-second st, east of and near Hoover st, n f, Lot 12, with building, dated March 5; consideration, $2,300.

Cook st, 123 8-10 ft n of Twenty-fifth st, e front, 49 5-10x125 ft, dated Feb. 7; consideration, $3,500.

South Park av, n of and near Thirtieth st, w front, 25 ft to alley, dated March 5; consideration, $5,800.

West Madison st, s w corner of Jefferson st, n front, 40x50 ft, dated March 1; consideration, $14,000.

Michigan av, n of and near Mossly School, e front, Lot 4 of Lots 3 and 4, dated March 5; consideration, $14,000.

Lot 3 of Lots 16 to 20, in e ½ of Block 83, of w ½ Sec 27, 39, 14, dated March 5; consideration, $7,500.

Newberry st, s of and near Taylor st, e front, Lot 5, dated Feb. 18; consideration, $2,500.

Clark st, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth sts, w front, 25 ft to Butterfield st, dated Feb. 3; consideration, $9,000.

Lot 46, in Block 3, Brown's Addition, dated March 5; consideration, $300.

Hubbard st, near Sixby place, s f, Lot 21, dated Sept. 16, 1872; consideration, $1,300.

Second st, s of Noble st, n f, 24x210 ft, dated Jan. 9; consideration, $1,200.

The premises No. 208 Portland av, dated Nov. 9, 1871; consideration, $2,800.

First st, bet Reuben and Armour sts, n f, 25 ft to alley, dated Dec. 4, 1872; consideration, $1,215.

Calhoune st, s e cor of Centre av, n f, undivided ¼ of 48 ft to alley, dated March 5; consideration, $2,000.

Pauline st, s w cor of South Branch of Chicago River, n f, 561 ft to Canal st, by 82 dated Feb. 12; consideration, $44,000.

Bismarck court, 96 ft e of Noble st, n f, 24x60 ft, dated Jan. 10; consideration, $750.

Bonney st, 147 8-10 ft n of Twenty-fifth st, w f, 124 6-10x125 ft, dated Feb. 7; consideration, $2,000.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Babetta st, 94¼ ft e of Racine av, n f, 37½x124½ ft, dated Oct 1, 1872; consideration, $1,050.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 42 and 43, in Block 4 of n w ¼, n w ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Dec. 3, 1872; consideration, $2,005.

Lot 19 and s 22 ft of Lot 18 of Lots 1 to 8, in Johnson's n ½, n e ¼ of n e ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated May 15; consideration, $5,500.

Lot 1 in Block 1 in Webster & Perkins Subdivision, in e ½, n e ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Nov. 4, 1872; consideration, $812.

WEST OF CITY LIMITS.

Division st, n e cor of Warner av, 40 acres, dated July 22, 1872; consideration, $40,000.

Lot 29 in Block 13 of e ½, n w ¼ Sec 36, 40, 13, dated Jan. 2; consideration, $2,000.

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 5.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	9,220	4,205	6,880	2,735
Wheat, bu	36,010	3,880	7,613	1,807
Corn, bu	67,220	62,760	6,580	17,761
Oats, bu	25,240	21,600	36,281	5,360
Rye, bu	1,887	2,094	781	357
Barley, bu	13,030	5,900	16,974	3,627
Grass seed, lbs	164,117	222,750	89,865	38,593
Flax seed, lbs	20,010		20,910	
Broom corn, lbs	13,690	14,000	12,298	1,272
Cured meats, lbs	312,170	77,920	3017,417	2138,644
Beef, brls	1	60	170	25
Pork, brls	122	1,340	630	340
Lard, lbs	200,680	280,780	242,295	715,039
Tallow, lbs	30,690	11,960	120,900	41,000
Butter, lbs	39,159	28,965	20,190	11,400
Dressed hogs, No	679	1,080	73	1,111
Live hogs, No	17,373	8,925	6,235	5,185
Cattle, No	2,648	2,112	1,158	783
Sheep, No	804	1,620	2,231	1,935
Hides, lbs	57,650	95,170	117,898	91,714
Highwines, brls	100	302	884	219
Wool, lbs	52,680	154,650	128,733	162,162
Potatoes, bu		4,920		
Lumber, M feet	157	481	826	315
Shingles, M	800	460	600	1,045
Lath, M	40	130	46	6
Salt, brls			511	443

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 7,143 bu wheat; 5,165 bu corn; 1,121 bu oats; 680 bu rye; 2,598 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 45 cars wheat; 179 cars corn; [20]¼ cars oats; 5 cars rye; 21½ cars barley. Total, 271 cars, or 110,000 bu.

The English letter, copied in our issue of Tuesday, was misprinted to the extent of stating that the wheat in sight was 15,000,000 quarters. It should have read, that number of bushels.

It is widely thought to be very desirable that some action should be taken by the Legislature, or otherwise, defining the liabilities of common carriers a little more closely than now. At present, the railroad companies are understood to claim that their responsibility ceases when goods are delivered into their depot; and on this principle they resisted the claim for the value of grain which arrived in Chicago so late on the Saturday night preceding the great fire that the cars could not be unloaded that week, and the grain was burned up on track. There can be little doubt that the present restrictions upon liability, and the now generally-accepted interpretations of the law, are relics of the period when it was considered wise to encourage the building of railroads, and that those limitations ought now to be understood in a different spirit, under our altered conditions.

If is now thought possible that the Railroad and Warehouse law of this State will be abolished by the Legislature during the present session. So far as the law refers to grain-warehouses, this would be a welcome and just change. The intention of those who framed and passed the law were undoubtedly good; but results have proven that they were mistaken in the supposition that the latter would be improved by the business of grain inspection and registration in the hands of officers appointed by the State, and assuming to dictate in regard to compensation of storage. The warehousemen of this city have unanimously kept from under the law by refusing to take out a license (except one firm, which has recently announced its intention to accept its license), and the grain inspection of the past year and a half has been notoriously less satisfactory than that of any former period in our history.

It may be claimed, in favor of the present law, that it has resulted in the establishing of more perfect checks than ever before existed on the honesty of licensed grain-weighmen. The law and State officers have had nothing to do, however, with these results. The system of registering grain receipts was instituted by the Board of Trade; and our present mode of cancellation was voluntarily conceded by the warehousemen, on finding that the confidence hitherto reposed in them as a class had been abused by some of their number. We need scarcely mention that the State officers were hoodwinked by the defaulting warehousemen, who seem to have had no suspicion that anything was wrong till that wrong was exposed by other means.

The great evils of the present system are all traceable to the one fact that the State has taken to itself the power of regulating the details of the business, which ought to rest in those who are engaged in the business, and are alone competent to judge of its needs, either in the shape of measures or of men. The State has just as much right to pass by-laws for the Board of Trade, and to appoint its officers, as it has to institute grades of grain and to select the men who shall judge by those standards all grain coming into the city.

The leading produce markets were moderately active to-day, with few important changes in prices, except in mess pork, which was stronger. Our receipts of all kinds of produce continue but moderate, and stocks are accumulating rather less rapidly than anticipated, the great bulk of the grain being corn, of which we have in store 5,500,000 bu.

The demand for groceries was satisfactorily active, interior merchants ordering freely, while the demand from local retailers was fully as large as on the preceding days of the week. Sugars were again weak, and a further decline of an ⅛c is noted, but, aside from this, the market exhibited a firm, healthy tone. Dry goods were active, with prices firm and uniform. The grain market was quite general in its character, though staple cottons and seasonable dress goods sold more largely than other lines. Butter was again scarce, and prices underwent a further advance. The inquiry was mainly of a local character, but it exceeded the offerings, and sales of choice table butter were effected at 30@34c. No change was visible in the bagging market. Cheese was in fair request at full former rates. The canned goods trade was quiet. Coal, hay, hides, and leather met with a moderate inquiry at substantially yesterday's prices. In the oil market there was a fair amount of trading, and the quoted prices were generally adhered to.

The trade in the lumber yards is still light, but a better feeling exists, and an active trade is expected as soon as the weather is favorable. The market for brick, lime, cement, etc., is quiet. Common brick is now selling at $9.50@11.50 per m. A fair degree of activity characterizes the market for metals, iron, and nails, and prices are ruling steady, and for some materials strong. Naval stores were quiet and steady. Wool, hops, and broomcorn were unchanged. The same weak and unsettled condition of the wool market exists. The demand for the better grades of broom corn continues fair and unsteady. Seeds were dull, and an easier feeling prevailed for timothy and clover, though prices were without quotable changes. Other seeds were quiet and steady. Chickens and turkeys were in demand and firm. Eggs were weak at 20c, being in large supply. Green fruits were unchanged. Apples moved freely on local account. Oranges and lemons are in light supply and firm.

Highwines were in good demand, with light offerings, and caused the market to be strong at the outside quotations of yesterday, at 87c bid, and 87½c asked—the latter being the price for small lots. Sales were reported of 50 brls at 87½c per gallon, and 100 brls at 87c.

Dressed hogs were in good demand, and 10@15c per 100 lbs higher, at $5.70@5.80 for choice to fancy shipping. Hogs not in prime condition brought $5.55@5.65. Sales were reported of 360 head at $5.80; 109 at $5.75; 45 at $5.70; 19 at $5.65, and 3 at $5.55. Total, 536 head.

Lake freights were inactive. There is a fair demand, and plenty of vessels yet waiting to be chartered; but carriers and shippers are apart in their views, the one insisting on 13½c and the other on 12½c for corn to Buffalo. It is intimated as probable that the vessel-owners are trying to reform the combination which was so successful last year in keeping up rates.

Provisions were active and strong. The leading article was mess pork, which made the great upward jump of 40@50c per brl during the session, under an urgent speculative demand from operators both here and elsewhere. It has been remedied for two or three days past that the hog crop of 1872 was considerably overestimated, giving a much less amount of product than had been calculated on, while the growing discrimination against pork, joined to the uncertainty arising out of the presence of large quantities of old pork here, caused our packers to make far less of the article than heretofore. Hence the strength in provisions, and especially in pork, orders for which poured in to-day in a perfect avalanche. Lard advanced about 5c per 100 lbs in sympathy, but was not much wanted. Meats were in fair demand, but being generally held fully ½c per lb higher, most of the orders went unfilled, as many were limited to the quotations of yesterday. We note that Kansas City reports her packing at 187,221 hogs, against 83,000 last season. Plankinton & Armour have packed 80,853, or nearly one-half the number.

The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $14.25@14.30; do seller April, $14.35@14.40; do seller May, $14.60@14.65; do seller June, $14.80@15.00; prime mess, $12.50@13.00; extra prime, $10.00@10.50. Lard, cash, or seller March, $7.85@7.87½; do seller April, $8.00@8.05; do seller May, $8.15@8.20. Green hams at 8½@10½c quoted as to weight. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 9@9¼c for 20-lbs; 9¾@10c for 18-lbs; 10@10¼c for 17-lbs; 10¾@11c for 16-lbs; 11@11½c for 15-lbs; 11½c for 14-lbs, and 12c for 13-lb averages. Green shoulders, 4¼c; dry salted meats quotable at 4⅝@4¾c for shoulders; 6¾@7c for long clear or short ribs; and 7¼@7½c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 4½c. English meats, 7c for Cumberlands; 7¾@7¼c for short ribs; 7¾@7½c for short clear; 12@13c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 6c for shoulders, 8c for clear ribs, 8½c for short clear, and 10@14c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $28.00@29.50. City tallow, 7¼@7½c; grease quotable at 5½@6¾c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork at $14.25; 1,000 brls do at $14.15; 500 brls do at $14.10; 1,000 brls do at $14.00; 1,600 do seller April at $14.45; 650 brls do at $14.40; 500 brls do at $14.35; 500 brls do at $14.30; 750 brls do at $14.25; 500 brls do at $14.20; 2,000 brls do at $14.15; 1,800 brls do at $14.10; 500 brls do at $14.05; 1,000 do at $14.00; 1,500 brls do seller May at $14.70; 500 brls do at $14.65; 1,500 brls do at $14.60; 500 brls do at $14.50; 1,000 brls do at $14.45; 500 brls do at $14.30 (total, 18,300 brls); 100 tcs lard at $7.85; 250 tcs do at $7.82½; 500 tcs do seller April at $8.00; 100,000 lbs shoulders at 4¾c; 10 boxes do at 5c; 100,000 lbs short ribs at 7c; 60 boxes do at 7¾c; 10 boxes Cumberlands at 7c; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams (16 lbs) at 10¾c; 100 tcs do (20 to 22 lbs) at 9¾c; 20,000 lbs bacon shoulders at 6c packed; 20,000 lbs bacon short ribs at 8c packed; 55 tcs white grease at 6¾c.

Flour was a shade more active than yesterday, the decline then submitted to having brought out more buyers, especially as flour was reported more active and firmer in New York. Prices were steady. Bran was firm. Sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extra at $9.80; 25 brls do at $9.75; 75 brls do at $8.00; 200 brls on private terms; 200 brls unsound (Southern) at $8.25; 10 brls spring extra at $7.75; 100 brls do (Minn.) at $7.50; 100 brls do (Oriental) at $7.00; 250 brls do at $6.75; 50 brls do at $6.40; 100 brls do at $6.25; 100 brls superfines at $3.75; 50 brls do at $3.50; 100 brls rye (G. S. & Co.) at $4.50. Total, 2,300 brls. Also, 30 tons bran at $10.00, on track. The following were the closing quotations:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 7.90 @10.50
Red winter extras	7.30 @ 8.00
Good to choice spring extras	6.12½@ 7.00
Low to medium	5.12½@ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	7.00 @ 8.00
Spring superfines	3.50 @ 5.50
Fine flour	4.50 @ 4.00
Bran	10.00 @10.25
Middlings	11.00 @15.00

Wheat was more active than yesterday, at about the same average of prices; options ruling lower, and cash wheat rather firmer, owing to an upward demand for the latter to carry against options. This was really the principal feature of the market to-day. The difference in price between cash and seller next month diminished to 1½@1⅝c, whereas it was 2c yesterday, and 2¾c a short time ago. Liverpool was quoted unchanged, and New York was a shade firmer, which fact, joined to only moderate receipts, and the presence of more capital to handle the grain, would have caused an advance but for the fact that operators seemed to be afraid of having the cash wheat unloaded upon the market at any moment in the interest of the bears. Seller April opened at $1.31½, advanced to $1.31¾, declined to $1.31, rose to $1.32½, and closed at $1.32¾. Seller May sold at $1.25⅝@1.26¼; and seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, at $1.19¼@1.20½, the latter closing at the outside. Strictly fresh receipts of No. 2 spring were at a premium of ⅛c over regular. No. 1 spring was nominal at $1.27@1.29. No. 3 spring closed at $1.08, and rejected do at 92c. Cash sales have been reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 spring, hard, at $1.20¾; 26,500 bu do $1.20½; 75,800 bu do at $1.20¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.20½; 57,400 bu do at $1.20; 5,000 bu do at $1.19¾; 10,800 bu No. 3 spring at $1.08; 1,600 bu do at $1.07½; 800 bu do at $1.07¼; 2,000 bu rejected at 92c; 1,000 bu rejected spring at 90c; total, 192,400 bu.

Corn was active, though rather less so than yesterday, at about ½c decline in prices; and generally firm. Fresh receipts were in good demand, both for shipment and to carry against options, and averaged fully ½c above the price of regular, selling at 33½@33¾c. Receipts of cars are reported liberal, and would be more voluminous but for the fact that storage room is scarce; and some of the corn arriving per the Illinois Central Railroad is unloaded into wagons, which transport it to vessels at the docks. New York was quoted strong, which brought out a good speculative demand, especially in the latter part of the session. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, opened at 31½c, and advanced to 31¾c at the close. Seller April sold at 31⅝@32½c; seller May at 35¼@36c; and seller June at 37¼@37¾c; all closing at the outside. Seller July was quoted at 38¾c bid and 39c asked. Cash sales have been reported of 11,000 bu No. 2 at 32½c; 33,000 bu do at 32½c; 10,000 bu at 31¾c; 20,000 bu at 31⅝@31¾c; 95,000 bu do at 31½c; 15,000 bu at 31⅝c; 8,800 bu rejected at 27½c; 2,800 bu yellow at 31¾c. Total, 235,600 bu.

Oats were less active, at about the same range of prices as yesterday, though reported dull and lower in New York. The receipts were only moderate, and slightly exceeded by the shipments. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 26⅜c; seller April at 26¾@26⅝c, and seller May at 29½@29⅝c; all closing rather tame. Car lots of No. 2 closed at 26¾c bid for fresh receipts. Cash sales were reported of 7,400 bu No. 2 at 26⅝c; 5,400 bu do at 26½c; 8,000 bu do at 26¼c; 600 bu rejected (A., D. & Co.) at 23½c; 1,200 bu do at 23c; 600 bu by sample (white) at 32c; 600 bu do (mixed) at 28½c, both on track; 1,200 bu do at 32c dlvd. Total, 24,800 bu.

Rye was quiet and steady at the quotations of yesterday. Cash sales were limited to 2,000 bu strictly fresh receipts No. 2 at 65c, and 400 bu regular do at 64½c. Seller April was nominal at 66@66½c.

Barley was in better demand and 1c higher than yesterday on regular, while car lots in favorite houses exhibited but little change. The reason was that the quality of the barley is improving in the houses that have recently been discriminated against, receipts on which houses were uniformly delivered where no others were specified. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 72@72½c, and seller April was quoted at 73c. Car lots in favorite houses sold at 72½@73½c for No. 2, and 61@62½c for No. 3, the latter selling at 57@58½c in other houses. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2 (A., D. & Co.) at 73½c; 2,400 bu do (A., D. & Co. and Central) at 73c; 2,400 bu do at 72½c; 5,000 bu do at 72½c; 400 bu do at 72c; 400 bu No. 3 (Central) at 62½c; 800 bu do (Central) at 61c; 1,200 bu (N. W.) at 58½c; 1,600 bu do at 57½c; 2,400 bu do at 57c; 1,600 bu rejected (Central) at 46c; 2,400 bu do at 45c; 400 bu do at 40c; 400 bu by sample at 65c; 800 bu do at 80c; 400 bu do at 59c; 400 bu do at 42c. Total, 23,800 bu.

THE FUR TRADE.

From the annual review of the fur trade of the United States for the past year, published by Mr. M. M. Backus, of New York, we abstract the following:

"The fur trade of the United States for the past year has been an active and extensive one, but not prosperous. The demand this winter has been good, and the product of manufactures, which has been large, has all gone into consumption. But the trade has not been profitable for several reasons, chief among which was the fact that prices for all skins were advanced in Europe and America in the spring. This speculative spirit was first manifested at the London sales, in January, 1872, when the prices of muskrat and beaver were advanced about 35 per cent. At the sale in March, all furs became affected, and a rise of 50@100 per cent was made. In midsummer, holders found the market filled with these high-priced furs, and without buyers. A reaction commenced, which culminated at the September sales, when everything was disposed of at enormous sacrifices to the holders, the benefit, of course, falling to the consumers. The styles for the past season have been for mink and boas in all varieties of fur. The long flowing furs, like the black marten and lynx are coming into use for trimming. The mink, ermine, and sable have also been popular. The leading fur at this season has been the fur seal, which, owing to its limited production, and the time and skill required in dyeing it, has advanced fully 25 per cent, and sold very firm throughout the season. The introduction of the seal has produced a demand for dyed furs in this country which has scarcely been supplied owing to the scarcity of dyers, there being but one who has met with any success on this continent. As compared with other years, the supply of raw furs, so far, has been very light. This is caused by the severity of the winter. However, it does not appear that there will be a scarcity, for the winter in Europe has been very mild, and there has been no necessity for furs. Large stocks now lie in the warehouses untouched, and, under such circumstances, a fresh crop from America is offered to the European dealer.

The crop of muskrat so far is a failure, but, notwithstanding this fact, prices declined fully 30 per cent at the London sales in January. Allowing 1,000,000 skins for home consumption, there will be 2,000,000, with the spring catch included, to be disposed of. Raccoons are in as bad a condition as muskrats; the European value is now fully ⅓ lower than last season. Mink are in demand for domestic use, and plenty. Black bear and beaver are in demand, the latter fur being popular in England. Among the foxes the silver is still a favorite, and commands full prices. The marten, lynx, and skunk are also in favor, their fur being specially adapted to borders and trimmings."

The St. Paul *Dispatch* of March 3, contains the report of the Board of Trade of that city, upon the amount of wheat in store at various points in the State, together with the shipments, and the probable amount of it to come forward:

AMOUNT STORED.

Newport	5,000
Pine Island	10,000
Hastings	275,000
Red Wing	380,000
Lake City	100,000
Read's, Wabashaw, Kellogg, Minneiska, and Weaver	225,000
Winona	100,000
Winona & St. Peter Railroad	1,000,000
Southern Minnesota Railroad	200,000
Hastings & Dakota Railroad	40,000
Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad (L. & M. Div.)	200,000
St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad	375,000
St. Paul & Pacific Railroad	300,000
Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad	100,000
Total amount stored	3,310,000

SHIPMENTS.

To Milwaukee, wheat	5,500,000
To Chicago, wheat	2,600,000
To Duluth, wheat	1,000,000
To St. Louis and other points	1,000,000
To all points, in flour	2,500,000
Total shipments	15,810,000
In hands of farmers	3,190,000
Total surplus	19,000,000
For seed and home consumption	6,000,000
Total crop of the State	250,000,000

The amount in store is from official sources, and we believe them to be correct. The amount in hands of farmers yet to come forward is variously estimated at from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels, and, in putting the amount at 3,190,000 bushels, we have given outside figures of any estimates. Your Committee believe, upon careful inquiry, that, of the amount reported in store, about 5,250,000 bushels, or fully two-thirds of the whole amount in store, is held by farmers.

In estimating the amount for seed and home consumption, your Committee are aware that a large increase will be required over former years, and we are of the opinion that the amount required will exceed our estimate rather than fall short of it.

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was active and ½c higher. No. 2 spring sold at $1.21½@1.21¾ cash or seller the month, and $1.22@1.23 seller April, the latter option closing at $1.23¾. Corn was quiet and steady at 31¾@31¾c seller the month, and 32½@32¾c seller April. Other grain and provisions were unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 5.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate demand at $1.74@1.80 for 94 per cent proof.

BROOM CORN—A moderate amount of business was transacted in hurl and stock braid. The lower grades remain dull and nominal. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6@6¼c per lb; No. 1 stock braid, 8@8½c; No. 2 do, 4@4½c; No. 3 do, 3@3½c; inside green, 3¼c; do red tip, 3@4c; do pale and red, 2@3½c.

BEANS—Were in continued good demand among both local dealers and shippers. The medium grades are in fair supply. We quote: Navies at $2.40@2.50; fair to prime, $2.10@2.35; common to medium, $1.50@1.90.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Were dull and unchanged. Common brick is quoted at $8.50@11.00. Quotations are as follows: Sioux, $9.50@11.00; Cream City, $9.50@11.00; Milwaukee, $9.50@11.00; New York stucco, casting, $3.75@4.00; superfine do, $3.50@4.00; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica cement, $2.00 per brl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $1.00@1.10; lime (bulk), $1.10@1.15; lime (brls), $1.25@1.50 per brl; white sand, per brl, $2.75@3.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@50c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; building brick (common), $9.50@11.00; sewer brick, $9.00@10.00; pressed brick, $9.00@12.00. Woodstock pressed range at $25.00@40.00; St. Louis hydraulic pressed, $45.00, del.; Milwaukee, $35.00, del.; Racine, $30.00, del.; Hillsdale, $35.00, del.; Joliet, $30.00, del. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 and 5 per cent is made to dealers.

Size.	Price.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 5.75
7x10 to 8x10	6.75
8x11 to 9x12	7.25
8x14 to 10x15	8.00
11x14 to 12x17	8.75
12x18 to 16x20	9.25
14x22 to 16x24	10.00
18x22 to 18x30	11.00
20x28 to 24x30	13.00
26x28 to 24x36	14.00
28x34 to 30x40	16.00
30x38 to 28x44	18.00
36x46 to 30x48	18.00
30x50 to 32x52	
32x54 to 34x56	
34x58 to 34x60	
36x60 to 40x60	

BUTTER—Continues to advance, as the receipts prove altogether inadequate to meet the wants of the trade. Some fancy lots were disposed of to-day at 35c, while anything suitable for table use found ready buyers at 28@33c. Shippers were doing little. We now quote: Common to choice roll, in packages, at 16@24c; choice, quant ities, 25@28c; fancy do, 28@30c; choice to fancy, dressed, 30@32c; inferior to common, 8@18c.

BAGGING—There was a fair movement in grain bags at full former rates, but other goods in the list were dull and nominal. We quote: Stark, 37c; Ludlow, 35½c; Lewiston, 34½c; American, 33c; Amoskeag, 33c; Otter Creek, 34c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 20@22½c; gunnies, single, 17¼@18½c; do, double, 28@30c; wool sacks, 61½c.

CHEESE—Firmness still characterizes this market. The demand is good for the season, and prime cheese is salable at outside figures. We repeat our list: New York factory, 15@17c; Ohio factory, 14@15½c; Western factory, 13@15½c.

COAL—The coal market was without new feature. The demand was moderate, at the annexed quotations: Lehigh lump, $12.50@13.00; prepared, $11.50@13.00; Lackawanna, $12.00@13.00; Scranton, $12.00@13.00; Pittston, $10.00@10.50; Walnut Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Hocking Valley, $9.00@9.50; Indiana cannel coal, $10.00; Indiana Block, $9.00; Kirkland grate, $9.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $6.50@7.00.

COOPERAGE—Was quiet and unchanged. We continue to quote: Pork barrels, $1.15@1.25; lard tierces, do, $1.60@1.65; wet hides, $2.00@2.10; flour barrels, 50@55c; rough staves (pork), $17.00@18.00; do (tierces), $19.00@21.00; do (whisky), $22.00@25.00; sawed and bucked staves average $3.00 more than rough; flour staves, $8.50@9.50; circle flour heading, 7@8c per set; flour hoop poles, $14.00@15.00 per m; pork and tierce poles, $20.00@25.00 per m.

CANNED GOODS AND PICKLES—The movement in this class of goods was again light, the weather continuing unfavorable. Prices, however, remain firm, as given below:

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, 2 lb	$ 1.85@ 2.00
Peaches, 3 lb	2.85@ 3.00
Pears, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Green gages and egg, 2 lb	2.75@ 3.25
Quinces, 2 lb	2.75@ 3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@ 2.75
Raspberries	2.50@ 2.75
Blackberries, 2 lb	1.90@ 2.20
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@ 2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.15@ 2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.50@ 2.70
Corn, Elgin	2.50@ 2.60
Corn, Boston Harbor	2.70@ 2.85
Corn, Yarmouth	2.90@ 3.00
Peas, 2 lb, pod	2.15@ 2.50
Peas, 2 lb, sifted	2.50@ 2.75
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.50@ 2.75
Succotash, 2 lb	2.50@ 2.75
Lobster, 1 lb	3.40@ 3.50
Lobster, 2 lb	2.40@ 2.50
Oysters, 2 lb, full weight	1.20@ 1.30
Oysters, 2 lbs, full weight	2.20@ 2.30
Oysters, 1 lb, slack weight	1.00@ 1.10
Oysters, 2 lbs, slack weight	1.80@ 2.00

PICKLES.

Small, brls, 2,200 per pkg	$10.50@11.50
Small, ½ brls, 1,100 per pkg	6.00@ 6.50
Medium, brls, 1,200 per pkg	8.50@ 9.00
Medium, ½ brls, 600 per pkg	5.25@ 5.75
Large, brls, 600 per pkg	7.50@ 8.00
Large, ½ brls, 300 per pkg	4.75@ 5.25
In 10 gall. kegs, per kg	3.75@ 4.25
In 5 gall. kegs, per kg	2.75@ 3.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), qts	3.75@ 4.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), pts	3.00@ 3.50
Chow Chow (C. & R.), qts	6.50@ 7.00
Chow Chow (C. & R.), pts	5.75@ 4.00

SPICES.

Pure, ½ gall. cans, per doz	$ 9.50@10.00
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From Our Own Correspondent.

BLACK'S FORK, Wyoming Ter., Feb. 12, 1873.

Thus far this winter there has been no remarkably unpleasant weather in the mountains, though the mercury in the thermometer has been down to

FORTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO,—

a greater degree of cold than I ever experienced before. Neither has there been any great amount of snow, though, within the last few days, several drifts have been formed, which are very deep. Most of the roads have been kept open without difficulty, and I have heard of but few cases of extreme suffering. The fact is, people who live in the Rocky Mountains have had so much experience that they make their preparations beforehand, and are thus enabled to withstand all kinds of disagreeable weather with comparative ease. Even the dressed buffalo-skin lodges used by the Indians are not uncomfortable, as they are generally hid away in some nook, well sheltered from the wind, and surrounded with a dense thicket of bushes. These lodges, called by the Shoshonee or Snake Indians

GAN-NIES,

are made with a great deal of care and ingenuity, the seams being water-tight, and the portion of the lodge resting on the ground well banked up. The long lodge-poles cross each other at the top, on the outside of the lodge, and there is space enough left for the smoke to make its escape, the fire being in the centre of the *gan-ny*.

In looking at some of them, I have often had brought to my mind the behavior of Kabibonokka, the wild and cruel North-Wind:

And at night Kabibonokka
Over the lodges roared, wild and wailing,
Heaped the snow in drifts about it,
Shouted down into the smoke-flue,
Shook the lodge-poles in his fury
Flapped the curtain of the doorway.

So it is all through the winter; the wind howls about the lodges and mountain-tops, and sweeps through the gorges and along the the watercourses. If there is "a nipping and an eager air" inside, it is invigorating, and dried buffalo-meat is eaten with great reliah. Meantime the red-skins sit quietly around,

STOWING AWAY THEIR RATIONS

nicelessly, thankful to think they are so well off. It must not be supposed, however, that dried buffalo-meat is the only food of the Indians. In this season, there are plenty of large, white rabbits (sometimes called jackass-rabbits, from the immense size of their ears), which the Indians kill and stew up, making a savory and wholesome dish. Sage-hens are also plentiful, and these, too, go toward helping fill the larder. Of course, the Indians who are in daily communication with the whites are plentifully supplied with everything necessary. But their own customs are very dear to them, and they are by no means anxious to change them for those of the pale-faces. There are many deer, mountain-sheep, elk, and antelope in the thick woods on the mountain-sides; and the Indian hunters manage to get their full share of them. Under these circumstances, there is little danger of their suffering from hunger, and all of them appear to be in good condition. They are great meat-eaters, but, when occasion offers, do full justice to bread and cornmeal.

Above all, they are fond of

SUGAR AND COFFEE,

and no Western man or woman drinks his or her coffee with greater relish than the native-American denizens of the forests and mountains. It really does one good to see them smack their lips after a steaming tin-cupful of coffee; they enjoy it beyond measure in their quiet way, and linger over it in the fondest manner. Unquestionably, God might have made a better berry than the coffee-berry, but unquestionably God never did make a better berry than the coffee-berry. I know this has called forth the admiration of the strawberry, but Western Americans place strawberries in the second rank.

In early times, the white trappers and hunters took unto themselves

INDIAN WIVES,

and this custom is still kept up. It is no uncommon thing, in this mountainous region, to find a white man and a squaw who have a numerous progeny of half-breed children growing up around them. These children are active and quick-witted, and their descendants will go toward making up our highland population. The squaws make good and faithful wives, and, so far as their knowledge goes, good mothers. They seem to enjoy life, and, in their gambling games, get thoroughly excited. The women have games of their own, and no man interferes with them in any way. The game seems to be somewhat like the old play of the children called "Button, button, who's got the button?" During the whole game, all the women sing together the most lively air I have ever heard among the savages, and all are eager for the possession of the grand prize, which consists of beads and bead-work, scissors, money, needles, thread, and a hundred other things dear to the feminine heart. The children, too, are anxious lookers-on; and he who supposes the Indians never enjoy themselves ought to see them engaged in this game, where their whole souls appeared to be absorbed in pleasurable excitement. It is called

KI-U-WITZ,

the Game of Hand; and, while it is going on, a woman, at either end of the two rows of players, beats on the poles which separate them with all their might, keeping time to the music, and increasing the enthusiasm as much as possible.

Some of the young squaws are handsome, black-eyed creatures, with masses of raven hair, who would attract attention anywhere. Their bright-colored blankets set off their charms to the greatest advantage, and they appear modest and decorous enough. For a long time I was of opinion that there was no such thing as a handsome Indian girl; but in this I was greatly mistaken,—some of them being

VERY FAIR TO LOOK UPON.

They break early in life, and the old women look like the veriest hags. The young girls have all the playful little ways of their fairer sisters, and the little ones have their dolly papooses, the same as white children. Human nature, after all, is good deal the same everywhere, and a little observation among savages shows that they are governed by the same passions and impulses that we are, though wild and untamed. A love of ease, and a contempt for hard work, are by no means confined to the red-skins.

THE UINTAH RANGE OF MOUNTAINS

now, while everything is covered with snow, is one of the most magnificent sights on this continent. The solid ice-crust on the summits shines like silver, while the shadows on the sides are dark and boldly defined. The gorges and foot-hills are clothed with the deep-green foliage of the pines, and the sources of the watercourses are clearly discernible in different directions.

Some years ago, an old trapper discovered what he called the

PETRIFIED REMAINS OF A GRIZZLY BEAR,

and, going to one of the settlements, told of his discovery, and boasted considerably over it. Some people were incredulous; when, in order to prove to them that what he said was true, he brought in a large skull of the petrified beast. There they were, sure enough, and some geologist declared they were the remains of an animal which was something like a hippopotamus. Since that time the geologists have been prowling round, and some of their discoveries have been funny enough,—although we all know it will not do to make fun of the petrified man. It is said that one of the animals discovered by one of them was like nothing in the heavens above or the earth beneath; it was new, although very old, and, upon the whole,

PERHAPS STILL ASTOUNDING.

The geologist was in ecstacies his fortune was made; and he would henceforth take his place among the *savans*. But directly another geologist came along who was wonderfully struck with the appearance of the fossil. He looked at it carefully for some time, and then inquired if it had all been put together correctly.

"Oh, yes," replied the first; "there can be no doubt about it, and I have already named it."

Geologist number two then took out his penknife, and commenced cutting away at the fossil, when it was discovered that the head had been put

ON THE WRONG END

of the spine; or, in other words, it was fastened on where erstwhile hung the pachyderm's tail, and the bones of the tail were doing duty in front.

This was a sad letting down, but head and tail changed places, and now the old veteran of the eocene period is doing yeoman's service in the cause of science.

This is almost equal to the reported

DISCOVERY OF THE YELLOWSTONE LAKE,

two years ago, which was, in reality, discovered by Milton Sublette, and for years and years was known as Sublette's Lake, as any one can see by looking at the map which was made for the more recent editions of the book describing Lewis and Clark's trip across the Continent in 1804, '5, and '6. *Vive la humbug!*

But it will not do to underrate

THE GEOLOGISTS

too much, for, the truth is, they have made some wonderful discoveries in the Rocky Mountain region. Every summer they are delving about in the valleys and on the hill-sides, and have added many rare and curious things to their museums. They are indefatigable workers, and thoroughly devoted to the pursuits of their favorite science. Odd-toed pachyderms, turtles, sloths, and lizards are unearthed by them, which, through the lapse of time, have become turned into solid stone. With hammer and bag, they search over the whole range of country, and seem never so happy as when pounding the accumulated rubbish of ages off their beloved fossils.

A day or two since, a couple of trappers caught

A LARGE GRAY WOLF

in one of their traps, and proceeded to take him out of it, as they wished to keep him alive until they could get him to their cabin, where he would be warm and easily skinned. In order to loosen him, one of the men put a large forked stick over his neck, and pinned him down to the ground. His leg was released from the trap, and they proceeded to put some ropes round his neck. In so doing, however, the wolf, who was a powerful fellow, gave a sudden wrench, freeing himself, and, at the same time, biting a huge piece out of the leg of one of the trappers. He then

SAN WITH ALL HIS MIGHT,

with one leg hanging which had been broken in the trap. The dogs opened after him full tilt, but he struck into the bushes, and, in a short time, made his escape.

The trappers were very indignant at this escape, and the one who was bitten declared "He was the dod-blamedest cuss that ever he struck."

For my part, I was glad to see the wolf get away, and, although I did what I could to encourage the dogs, was heartily pleased when he disappeared among the dense bunches of willow.

We helped the limping trapper home,—he all the way venting his wrath against the whole tribe of wolves, and declaring he would yet get even with them; and, from what I know of him, I have no doubt he will do so; though, from the immense pile of wolf-skins he has on hand, I think it was the wolf's turn to get even.

The cabin occupied by these trappers, which is on one of the forks of Green River, is

FILLED WITH PELTRIES,

—there being piles of beaver, otter, mink, deer, wolf, and badger skins. It has a regular old-fashioned appearance, which is most gratifying to a true hunter; while all about are hanging the stately antlers of the monarchs of forests the and glens, who have been brought down by the rifles of these sturdy mountaineers.

This region is pleasant, though at times the wind blows so that it almost takes the hair off a man's head. The snow drifts about here and there, in immense piles, and, what is remarkable,

IT WILL NOT PACK.

In other words, it lies so loose that a man stepping on it does not stop until his foot has touched the ground. This is the reason why traveling in these mountains is so difficult during the winter-season. Old settlers are very careful how they go about, as there is danger of getting lost in the drifts.

But it is remarkably healthy, and

ELECTRICITY ABOUNDS EVERYWHERE.

When a man touches his blankets, during the dark nights, a stream of fire follows his fingers, and at every point there are electric flashes. These are not inconvenient, as might at first appear, but seem to send a healthy glow and electricity through the system, which it is impossible to describe. Men need no artificial stimulants, though truth compels me to say they have not been entirely done away with. The air is fresh and buoyant, surcharged with oxygen, which sends the blood bounding to the fingers' ends. In all the world there is not a more healthy and invigorating climate.

I conversed some time ago with an old man who, in his youth, had served under Gen. Jackson, and who had a great admiration for him. The conversation brought to mind

AN ANECDOTE OF HIM

which I heard Mr. Healy, the great artist, tell. It appears that Mr. Healy was commissioned by Louis Philippe, King of the French, to paint several portraits, and, among the rest, that of Gen. Jackson.

The artist proceeded to the Hermitage, near Nashville, where he found the old lion lone and feeble. He waited upon him, and made his errand known, and asked if he could paint his portrait. The old hero looked at him a moment, and then in low, deep, measured tones, replied:

"Not for all the Kings in Christendom!"

This seemed to put a stop to all further operations, and Mr. Healy retired. He met Mrs. Donaldson, and told her that he feared his mission would be unsuccessful. She told him to wait, and she would visit the General, and see what could be done. She went to him, and asked him, "Father, won't you have your portrait painted?"

He looked at her quietly, saying, "Will it please you, my daughter?"

She replied that it would, when the old man replied, "If it will please you, it shall be done."

And it was done, and was the last picture ever painted of Jackson. The portrait, made somewhat younger, was, years afterwards, transferred to canvas by the same artist in Chicago, in the famous picture of Jackson that now adorns the President's house in Washington.

Formerly the trades used to have their supplies sent in by way of Taos, in New Mexico, on pack-mules. Alcohol was sent in kegs, and, after being fairly diluted with water, was sold to the Indians and trappers as a

FIRST-CLASS WHISKY;

and so it was. One of the traders took a keg which had been partly used up, and, adding sufficient water thereto to make good whisky, carried it off to the woods and hid it, in order that he might have wherewithal to quench his thirst after that which was kept in the store was used up. He got on a glorious spree, and had a most delightful time,—sleeping out in the cold, and nearly freezing to death. In short, he had a spree which was long and pleasantly remembered. When he sobered up, he found all his stock of spirits gone. However, calling upon two of his cronies, they sallied out in quest of the keg which he had concealed in the woods, —thinking, meanwhile, what a fine time they would have after they found it. They searched high and low, but all to no purpose,—the keg could not be found. For days and days they continued to look, but the whereabouts of the keg could not be discovered, and gradually the memory of it faded from their minds. Times changed; the fur-trade waned, and the old set of trappers moved off to new scenes. Still the old keg lay in the woods, and there

IT WAS FOUND QUITE RECENTLY,

and, what is strange, the liquor was still in it, and better tipple was man ever drank. Talk about your old whisky—why, here was some at least thirty years old, and it sold readily for $7 a quart. It was as oily and smooth as anything could be, and one ordinary-sized dram was enough to make a man as fresh mentally well-contented with himself and all the world beside.

THE BRIDGETT

is about, and the condition of some of the men and animals reminds me of a story I heard John Shelby, of Kentucky, tell about his father, who was a son of old Gov. Isaac Shelby. They were out fox-hunting one day, and, after some trouble, had "holed a fox, or, as the darkeys express it, "had hil a fox," and were busily engaged digging it out. John had a cold in his head, and, as a consequence, had what is vulgarly known as "the snuffles." The old gentleman stood it as long as he could, when, ceasing his work, he turned savagely upon his son, and, in a deep bass voice, rolled out, "John, how can you snuffle on so important an occasion?"

ALGERIA.

A Bigamist Arrested.

COLUMBUS, O., March 5.—James M. Hawkins, until recently an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was arrested this evening on a charge of bigamy. He acknowledges that he has a wife and three children in Wheeling, W. Va., and a wife in Columbus. The first marriage took place eight years ago; the second two months ago, to Jennie Carr, a girl of 18.

FOREIGN.

Serious Indisposition of President Thiers.

The Stability of the Spanish Republic Very Uncertain.

The Great Forgeries on the Bank of England.

SPAIN.

MADRID, March 5.—The bill introduced in the National Assembly, yesterday, by Senor Figueras, President of the Ministry, does not meet with the approval hoped for by the Government. A meeting of 236 Radical Deputies, the majority of the entire Assembly, was held on Tuesday evening, and unanimously disapproved of the proposition for the suspension of the sitting and the convocation of the Constituent Cortes.

A permanent committee is to be elected to-day, and it is expected will consist of members hostile to the Constituent Cortes.

There are signs of trouble in Madrid, and street conflicts are apprehended.

The Republicans are greatly excited and demand a dissolution of the Assembly. The Government has decided to make the bill a Cabinet question.

Gen. Sickles communicated to Senor Castelar the congratulation of the United States Senate upon the establishment of a Spanish Republic.

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, March 5.—In answer to a cable inquiry made last evening, Jay Cooke & Co. have received a dispatch from Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., of London, stating that they have sustained no loss or liability to loss, through the forgeries referred to in the press telegrams this morning. So far as understood, the Bank of England appears to be the only loser by the forgeries, the precise nature and extent of which has not been made known by the bank. The above firm have also received a dispatch from London cautioning them in dealing in foreign exchange to beware of forged bills in circulation.

LONDON, March 5.—The son of the late Emperor Napoleon visited Queen Victoria yesterday.

A great Fenian amnesty meeting in Hyde Park has been projected by the Irish population for March 16. Isaac Butt, member of Parliament from Limerick, will preside.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 5.—A dispatch from Algiers says that 700 French troops, under Galleft Chartres, were surrounded in the extreme south of Algeria by 10,000 Arabs, and were in imminent danger of capture. Reinforcements had been dispatched to the besieged troops, but it was feared that they would be too late.

LATER.—It is authoritatively announced that the report from Algeria of the critical condition of a body of French troops in the southern portion of that country is untrue.

The speech of M. Thiers in the National Assembly yesterday is received with satisfaction by all the Deputies, except the Extremists.

The President has caught cold and it is rumored that he is seriously indisposed. The report flattens the evening Bourse.

The Assembly to-day passed the first and a portion of the second clause of the report of the Committee of Thirty.

CANADA.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 5.—The Dominion Parliament assembled to-day, and unanimously elected James Cockburn Speaker.

The Governor-General will deliver the speech from the throne to-morrow.

GERMANY.

LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch from Berlin states that the ability of France to give a financial guarantee sufficient to secure the early evacuation of French territory is doubted there.

Woman's Rights in Europe.

From the Golden Age.

In the *Cornelia*, a fortnightly journal published in Florence, Italy, Madame Cimino, its accomplished editor, gives a resume of the present aspect of the woman's rights movement abroad.

The *Golden Age* translates as follows:

Looking over Europe we see in Russia, schools opened for the higher education of woman, gymnasia, lyceums, and a medical university; in England, the University of Cambridge, and that of Edinburgh, in Scotland, now admit girls to their examinations, giving them diplomas in literature and sciences; and the Tory newspapers, like the *John Bull*, the *Globe*, and the *Standard*, sustain the political movement in woman's favor; a movement which has reached sufficient importance to induce Disraeli to recognize and approve it. In fact, in the year 1871, the petitions in favor of woman's suffrage in England had 186,976 signatures, and in the year just closed these had swelled to the number of 555,806—while the meetings held in favor of this cause were 172 against 25 over the preceding year.

In Germany the progress of woman is marked not only in the field of education, but in that of philanthropy and social science. There are societies of women organized among the very highest ranks, for educational and benevolent purposes. In cases of great public calamities, like the recent fearful inundation, their great value has already been proved. This association of the women of Germany was founded two years since under the auspices of the Empress Augusta, and has a double purpose: in time of war, to take care of the sick and the wounded; in time of peace, to provide aid in case of great calamities, such as pestilence, famine, inundation, fire, &c. This organization has its headquarters in Berlin, but it has in the Prussian provinces and in the northern confederate States 374 branch societies and 34,373 members, who aid by their labor, and by contributions paid in every three months, to form a general fund to draw upon in case of need.

In Vienna, on the occasion of the opening of the University, the distinguished Director, Prof. Spaeth, took the emancipation of woman as the theme of his inaugural address. In this he refuted the theory of Prof. Bischoff, who had denied the right of woman to her fitness for scientific studies. Prof. Bischoff alleged as a proof of this incapacity of woman that the weight of the brain of woman is less than that of the men in the women of all nations and of all races—and that this difference is most observable in the regions where intelligence and conscience are most highly developed. Prof. Spaeth replied that the weight of the cerebral mass has nothing to do with the development of intelligence, since there are animals whose brain weighs 5 pounds whilst that of man does not weigh more than 3; and that, moreover, the brain of woman weighs more proportionately than that of man, since hers is 1-35th of the weight of her body, and his averages only 1-36th of his weight.

At Pesth, the Deputy Mayrow has presented a bill for the admission of women to public offices.

In Belgium the Lega d'Insegnamento (the League of Instruction), a vast society composed of the most intelligent Liberals—whose founder, J. Tallier, preaches the equality of the two sexes both in duties and in rights—has united with the society (L'Obolo dela Scuola, the penny schools), and has founded schools in Antwerp for the children of the poor, and also schools of a higher order for the children of the better classes.

In Switzerland the University of Zurich opens its doors to women in many studies, and Geneva does still better, decreeing that women shall be admitted to its academies on the same conditions as men.

In the principal cities of France there are organized societies for woman's rights, with officers and committees of both sexes, and this party has an organ, *L'Adeuir des Femmes* (the Future of Women), and for associates and adherents men like Victor Hugo, Laboulaye, Lemonnier, Louis Blanc, Richer, &c.

In Denmark there are professional schools recently founded for women of all classes.

In Russia, besides the school of which the Queen is President, and the Princess Dora d'Istria Vice President, there is the Circle Byron, a literary association, which admits woman to its membership, and studies the questions which concern her; and finally in Turkey, where the servitude and seclusion in which women are held would seem to keep them in complete darkness, so far as the modern progressive ideas of society are concerned, a journal edited by a woman, Madame Leonzas, has raised the first cry for liberty and the education of the Turkish women.

Pacific Coast Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—New placer gold mines have been discovered near San Diego.

The First National Gold Bank of Santa Barbara, was organized March 3. Capital, $100,000. Mortimer Cook is President.

Don Jacobo Lanco has been ordered by President Tejeda to make a survey on both sides of the Colorado River to the Gulf of California, and report to the Mexican Government; also to make exact observations of the boundary lines between the United States and Mexico from Fort Yuma to the Monuments.

It rained hard here to-day. The storm is generally distributed over the State.

DR. D. L. Morgan, the well-known oculist of this city, tried to commit suicide last night, taking poison. He got alarmed and sent for a physician, who saved his life.

A Chinaman, at Stockton, to-day, was caught in a belt in a paper mill and dragged through a hole five inches in diameter, over a pulley. His jaw was cut, both arms and several ribs broken, and his body badly bruised, but it is believed that he will recover.

James D. Page was arrested to-day at Vallejo, charged with intercepting and opening letters from Charles A. Russell, under sentence of death for the murder of Crotty. The letters were addressed to Warren Haley.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., March 5.—The Senate, last night, heard arguments by J. W. Carey, attorney for the Milwaukee & St. Paul, and George H. Smith, for the Chicago & Northwestern Roads, against the increase of railroad tax.

This morning, the bill granting land to the Chicago & Northern Pacific Air Line Company coming up as the special order, Senator Green, one of its friends, moved its recommittal to the Railroad Committee. Senator Thorpe earnestly opposed this, and was in favor of fair and square action now, and let the victor have the spoils. If reference was to be had, he wanted all the bills treated alike. Senator Burchard said the friends of this bill knew that it has merits, and desire to postpone in order that it may be considered upon its merits, and not be swamped by the other two powerful corporations; and claimed this was the best proposition for the State. The reference was opposed by Senators R. E. Davis and Schmidt. Senator Thorpe wanted the reference of all or more. If this reference was made, a compromise could possibly be made, and the grant saved to the State. He hoped the Committee would harmonize on some bill, and make a definite recommendation. Senator Catchausen opposed the reference altogether, and so did Senator Nelson, who moved the previous question on the C. & P. Air Line, which was refused by 18 to 11. After considerable further discussion, all the bills were referred to the Railroad Committee, with instructions to report on or before Friday, by a vote of 19 to 12.

The Railroad Committee had a meeting this afternoon, when some amendments were proposed to the pending bills, and laid over till to-morrow.

In the Assembly, under the vote of yesterday, the following committees on land-grant bills were announced and directed to report on Thursday: For the Kelsey, or State Commissioner, bill:

At Large—J. W. Davis; First District, Elkins, of Racine; Second, Devey, of Jefferson; Third, Clise, of Grant; Fourth, McGrath, of Milwaukee; Fifth, Loper, of Fond du Lac; Sixth, Rich, of Outagamie; Seventh, Bleekman, of Monroe; Eighth, Kelsey, of Marquette.

On the Gibbs, or Air, bill, Messrs. Gibbs, of Walworth; Ostrander, of Jefferson; Cady, of Adams.

The Barron, or North Wisconsin, bill, Messrs. Hubbell, of Oconto; Cheever, of Rock; Plumer, of Marathon; Stebbins, of Kewaunee; Tate, of Vernon.

The Bartlett, or Milwaukee & St. Paul, bill, Messrs. Palmer, of Milwaukee; Pound, of Chippewa; Bartlett, of Eau Claire; Clark, of Dodge; Wall, of Winnebago.

Moses M. Strong appeared this afternoon before the first Committee and signed in favor of a proposition for letting the building of the road to the highest bidder, and using surplus for various roads; and claimed that all bills giving to special companies were unconstitutional. Some other arguments were heard.

The North Wisconsin and other committees meet to-night.

The other business of to-day was as follows:

SENATE.

Assembly bills were concurred in to promote the destruction of noxious weeds; amending the general law; to provide for the incorporation of villages. It was voted hereafter to meet daily at 10 a. m., instead of at 9 a. m., as for some time past; also, against a bill to appropriate $10,000 annually for the Soldiers' Monument in Capitol Park, on the ground that the execution by voluntary contribution was contemplated by the law authorizing it, and no steps in that direction had been taken.

Senate bills were concurred in to provide for auditing and paying the accounts of the Supreme Court Clerk for fees in criminal and State cases. The Committee on Claims was instructed to report the bills to pay the expenses of the contestant for the seat from the Fourth Ward of Milwaukee. Bills for the repeal of tax exemptions were made the special order for Friday morning.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, March 5.—In the House, bills were introduced to so amend the Estray act as to provide for the sale of animals taken up under said act at the expiration of four months; to repeal all laws restricting State banks of issue to 6 per cent interest; to punish persons buying or receiving goods or chattels that have been taken by thieves; to allow appeals to be taken from proceedings in Probate Courts; to remove guardians of lunatics or idiots. The following bills were passed: Senate bill to legalize certificates of incorporation that have been filed without being signed by the requisite number of incorporators; the Senate bill providing that when a Justice of the Peace shall charge greater fees than the laws allow, he shall be liable to a fine of $100; also, that he shall make out an itemized account of his charges; the Senate bill to provide that the United States hydrometer shall be used in testing spirituous liquors in Ohio.

In the Senate, this afternoon, the House bill to require Probate Judges to make a statement of fees received by them to the State Auditor, and to require Township Trustees to lease town halls, and to pay the money derived therefrom into the township treasury, were passed.

In the House, the bill to authorize private banks to become incorporated was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Temperance reported back the bill to authorize the people of any township to vote on and decide whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold within their borders, with an amendment reading: "Except for medicinal and mechanical purposes." The question being on agreeing to the amendment, and ordering the bill to its engrossment, the House refused to do either.

The bill to provide that tax-lists shall not be published more than two weeks failed to pass. A resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations asking the Ohio Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of United States Senators by the people at large.

A resolution was adopted directing the Legislative Investigation Committee to inquire whether any improper influences were brought to bear on the members of the Legislature of 1870 and 1871 to secure the passage of the Short-Line Railroad bill, or any other matter that came before that Legislature.

MINNESOTA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 4.—The House, with but few dissenting voices, to-day, asked State Treasurer Seeger to resign. If he does not comply, he will probably be impeached to-morrow. The proposed constitutional amendment for biennial sessions passed both Houses.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, MINN., March 5.—The Speaker this noon presented a communication to the House from William Seeger, State Treasurer, declining to comply with the resolution requesting him to resign. He says it is not pretended that he has himself used the State funds; that the large deficit of his predecessor has been made good during his first year; that his reputation has been impugned without his having an opportunity to be heard, and suggests a judicial inquiry. The House thereupon proceeded to impeach him, and notified the Senate, which at once appointed committees to arrange for the trial.

A letter is published from ex-Treasurer Munch, now in St. Louis, taking upon himself all blame for the deficit, which his bondsmen have made good, and stating, in detail, how he came to appropriate the State funds for the use of a lumber firm with which he was connected.

The regular session ends Friday noon, and the impeachment requires an extra session of the Senate.

MICHIGAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Mich., March 5.—In the Senate, this forenoon, Senator Deland moved to take the House bill for the establishment of the Detroit Park from its regular order, and place it in the order of third reading, which gave rise to a long discussion, continuing into the afternoon session. It was finally made the special order for next Tuesday afternoon.

A like discussion arose in the House in taking the Saginaw Consolidation bill from its regular order and placing it on the order of third reading. The motion finally prevailed, and the bill will probably come up in that order to-morrow.

The House, in Committee of the Whole, rejected the bill to equalize soldiers' bounties.

The Senate spent the rest of the afternoon discussing the bill to repeal the act appointing foreign immigration agents. The bill was agreed to. No bills of interest passed in either House.

INDIANA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 5.—The bill to raise revenue to meet the expenses of the State Government for the years 1873 and 1874, 15 cents on the $100 for each year, and 50 cents poll tax, was passed—yeas, 68; nays, 27.

An episode occurred here between Messrs. Ogden and Canthorn, in which some bitter personalities were used, which resulted in the latter hurling a copy of the statutes at the head of the former, when the former seized a chair and attempted to hurl it at the latter. At this point the belligerents were surrounded by their friends, which rendered a personal collision impossible. Subsequently both gentlemen apologized to the House, hands were shaken across the bloody chasm, which was responded to by the House with a round of applause.

Gen. Kimball proposed that the House should adjourn for an hour to let the hot blood cool down, and, if necessary to that result, to permit a little blood-letting, but the motion was not agreed to. A motion to reconsider the Railroad bill, to regulate freights and passage tolls, was lost.

The Senate Fee and Salary bill was taken up, amended in some unimportant points, and passed by yeas 87; nays, 2.

Senate amendments to several bills were concurred in.

The Specific Appropriation was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

The General Appropriation bill was also passed, with an amendment providing that the officers of the State shall be allowed to draw moneys from the county fund only upon filing vouchers giving itemized statements, accompanied by the oath of the officers.

The following bills passed: Allowing Prosecuting Attorneys to prosecute all pleas of the State in information and affidavit; presenting qualifications of petit jurors; choking off professional jurors, and regulating the order of business in Circuit and Common Pleas Courts.

The death of the doorkeeper, W. T. Lockhart, a victim of small-pox, was announced.

SENATE.

A number of claims were passed upon.

A number of bills were reported from committees, with recommendations.

A joint resolution was adopted instructing Senators and requesting Representatives to use their influence to prevent the passage of a law now pending before Congress requiring the publishers of weekly newspapers to prepay postage on their papers in the counties where published.

The House bill to provide for the public printing was amended so as to incorporate the principal features of the Senate bill, and passed—yeas, 40; nays, 1.

The bill to prohibit persons holding executive, municipal, or other offices of trust from making free use of railroad passes under severe penalties, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to abolish Courts of Common Pleas and establish the office of Surrogate was laid on the table.

The Secretary of State was directed to sell at public auction, on Monday next, all the furniture used in the committee rooms of the Senate, and place the proceeds in the State Treasury.

The bill defining the duties of the Attorney-General, and fixing his compensation at $5,000 per annum, and 10 per cent on all sums collected less than $500, and 5 per cent on all sums in excess of that amount, was passed.

The bill to protect the ballot-box, secure a fair election, and define felonies, was passed.

The House amendments to the Fee and Salary bill were concurred in.

The bill to fix the salaries of officers of benevolent institutions passed; also the bill to make general endowment of deeds and mortgages evidence when the original instruments are lost or destroyed; also to authorize cities with a population of 15,000 or more to make loans not exceeding 2 per cent of the value of the taxable property, such loans to be made only for the purpose of procuring money to pay the legitimate expenses of the city.

KANSAS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TOPEKA, March 5.—The Legislative Committee to investigate Pomeroy will report to-morrow. The majority report, signed by the Chairman and three members of the Committee, will report that the charges of bribery have been sustained by abundant proof. The minority report, signed by three members, will say that the charges were not proved.

A bill passed to-day exempting mortgages on real estate from taxation. The object of the law is to invite money to the State.

York was in his place in the Senate to-day. He intends to push the criminal prosecution of Pomeroy, and thinks the law will convict and punish him for bribery.

A delegation of Arapahoe Indian Chiefs visited the Legislature to-night. The Legislature agreed to adjourn to-morrow night.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 5.—The Senate, to-day, passed the bill of the House granting general amnesty to C. B. Fitzpatrick, for killing Sheriff Murray, of Mississippi County.

In the House, the Senate bill preventing the sale of liquor to minors passed.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., March 5.—The General Assembly passed a resolution appointing a joint committee to make arrangements to receive President Grant in such a manner as shall comport with the dignity of the Commonwealth.

WEST VIRGINIA.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., March 4.—Governor John J. Jacobs was inaugurated Governor to-day. The other State and executive officers also took the prescribed oath of office.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., March 5.—The General Railroad law passed the House to-day by an unanimous vote.

Obituary.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 5.—W. T. Lockhart, Door-Keeper of the House of Representatives, died of small-pox this morning.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 5.—Col. William Hopkins, of Washington County, member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, and for years an active leader of the Democracy, died to-day at the Union Depot Hotel.

The Copper Trade.

BALTIMORE, March 5.—The representatives of a number of Copper Manufacturing Associations of the country met in annual session in this city to-day. The business was conducted in private, but it is understood a resolution was adopted that no change will be made at present in the price of manufactured copper.

Righteous Judgment.

OTTAWA, Ill., March 5.—Yesterday a trial was had under the new Liquor law, before Justice Leavins, in our city, for selling liquor to minors. The saloon-keeper was fined $10 and his license was revoked. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court.

A Steamer Sunk.

CINCINNATI, O., March 5.—The *Chronicle* dispatch states that the steamer Palestine struck the pier of the railroad bridge at Danville, in the Tennessee River, last night, and sunk. No particulars. She had a full load from Evansville, Ind.

Shooting Affray.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, March 5.—At Harrisville, Alcona County, to-day, a man named Chambers was shot and killed in a store by the proprietor, who claims that he committed the act in self-defense.

The Shah's European Tour.

The *Perseveranza* publishes a letter from a citizen of Milan, who has commercial relations with Teheran, containing the following details regarding the visit of the Shah of Persia to Europe. The journey is definitively fixed for the month of April next, the Persian monarch having been officially invited to the Universal Exhibition, at Vienna. He will be accompanied by the principal nobles of the Empire, with the pomp befitting the "King of Kings." The mollachs, or priests, opposed the journey of their sovereign to Europe, but the latter remains firm in his purpose. He is proud of the idea that he will be the first Shah who will have abandoned the old usages which have been maintained by the influence of the priests, and which prevented the sovereigns of Persia from leaving their own dominions, and, above all, from setting foot on European soil. The sacerdotal influence is the main obstacle to advancement in Persia; but it will be greatly shaken by the impressions which the sovereign and his ministers will bear away from their European travels. The Shah will visit St. Petersburg, Vienna, Berlin, Paris, and perhaps London, then Constantinople, probably going there by way of Italy.

AN UNPROFITABLE TRADE.

How Mr. Rudd, of Pontiac, Lost $100.

Daniel A. Rudd, of Pontiac, Illinois, arrived in Chicago yesterday morning with $100 in his pocket. Yesterday afternoon he sauntered over on Lake street, and, while standing by a pile of goods, astonished at the rapidity with which the street had been built up, a well-dressed man approached him and offered to give him the goods for a loan of $100. Rudd estimated the probable value of the goods, and quickly handed over the money. The man went round the corner to fix the papers, requesting Rudd to stand by the goods until his return. The removal of them into the store, in front of which they were piled, by the real owners, soon after the disappearance of the borrower (?) of the money, informed Rudd that his name was added to the long list of country cousins who have been victimized by confidence operators.

NEWSBOYS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: "Observer," in your issue of to-day wonders what becomes of the newsboys; if ever they arrive at the age of 16, 18, 20, 30, or 40. Now, I will say that I know of a number of gentlemen once newsboys. I will mention two as I think of them upon the instant. The parents of the first were very poor, and, by his assistance when a youth, the family were kept from suffering. The second had a mother, brothers, and sisters, destitute. He supported them, commencing at the age of 14, and from that time until they could help or care for themselves.

The first is now a farmer in this State, owning 1,800 acres of the best land, finely fenced, with the best of buildings, stocked, &c., &c. The second is the head of a large manufacturing house in one of the first cities in the State of New York. I cannot estimate correctly the property of the first, as I am not a farmer; but of the second I can say that I know him to be worth something over $100,000. Both are making money, and one will soon represent the people in Congress. IRVING.

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THE CHASE ESTATE.

To the Editor of the Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I saw in your issue of to-day a note on the "Chase Estate," in which the writer said, "The whole story is a humbug and swindle."

If the writer will refer to D. Harry Starr, Esq., Halifax, N. S.; James Chase, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. John B. Chase, Taunton, Mass.; John F. Chase, Esq., Boston; Lorenzo Lawton, Esq., Fall River, Mass.; Edwin C. Foster, St. John, N. B.; or persons acquainted with any of the above parties, he will learn whether they are men who deal in "humbugs," or spend their time and money on "swindles."

Or, if he will take the trouble to refer to the proper parties in England, he will learn the facts in regard to the matter. Respectfully yours,

HENRY W. BROOKS.

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[The person who pronounced "the whole story a humbug and a swindle," is himself one of the Chase "heirs," who claims that he had investigated the whole subject.]

PERSONAL.

There were six brides at the Matteson House last evening.

Mr. S. N. Kerr, general agent of *The Freemason*, published in St. Louis, is stopping at the Matteson House.

The Rev. A. E. Kittredge will lead the Bible-readings at the Third Presbyterian Church at half-past 4 this afternoon.

The ordination of L. T. Bush will take place this evening at the Twenty-fifth Street Baptist Church, west of Wentworth avenue. Several prominent clergymen will officiate and deliver addresses. The public is invited.

Among the arrivals at the Tremont House yesterday, were the following: Lorenzo Bull, Quincy; Ed. Brown, Pennsylvania; R. Goodfellow, Green Bay; John W. Fillsbury, Cincin